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"NEW GIANT FLOWERED GERANIUMS"

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Childs' New Giant Flowered Perfection Geraniums.

These Geraniums are in their way most remarkable Novelties, for they show great improvement over sorts previously introduced, in habit, vigor, size and quality of bloom and in radiant coloring. For three years they have been the admiration of all who have visited our conservatories. They were offered last year for the first, after years of critical test, and we know just what they are. They have been carefully compared with the best new sorts, of recent years, and in every point they show their superiority. Habit, compact, with large healthy foliage. Flowers perfect in shape, round, and sometimes beautifully cupped. Trusses immense and the blooming qualities of the plant truly wonderful. But in color they are perfect marvels, showing combinations and brightness of tints hitherto unknown. The spotted or speckled varieties are very novel and extremely attractive. Such worthy novelties and so many of them we think should bear the names of different States, and we have named them accordingly, as others yet to come will be named.

21 SORTS INTRODUCED IN 1900 AND 1901.

Maine—Pure white, slightly tinged pink. Large flower and magnificent truss.
Georgia—Delicate sea-shell pink. Extra fine and large.
Virginia—Large, extra fine, salmon-pink. A fine shade.
Massachusetts—Extraordinary size and beautifully colored. Exquisite pure pink with white rayed center, freely spotted or speckled.
Indiana—Pale lilac-pink, slightly spotted. Large size and beautiful form.
California—Salmon-pink, white center; beautifully rayed and clouded.
Iowa—Mammoth size; shape round and perfect; velvety crimson-scarlet. Very rich.
Illinois—Soft pink, white center, thickly spotted deep crimson. Distinct and very beautiful.
Pennsylvania—Pure snow white; best of its color.
Ohio—Flower like a Pelargonium. Deep blood scarlet, veined black; upper petals rayed intense orange-scarlet. Largest known size.
Kansas—Intense orange-scarlet, each petal beautifully veined with a dark color.
New York—Enormous clusters of great substance; beautiful round flowers. Soft pink; perfectly exquisite.
Kentucky—Beautiful soft rose, with numerous spots.
Oregon—Flower very large and perfectly magnificent. Orange-scarlet clouded and mottled with pure white.
Missouri—Good flower of peculiar color, being scarlet freely mottled with grey. Quite distinct.
Michigan—Bright, deep, orange-pink with blue tinted centers. A very delicate, pleasing and beautiful color.
Colorado—White, tinted violet-pink. A shade so delicate and shifting as to be perfectly exquisite, and has been appropriately called "Shifting Shades."
Minnesota—Extra large, light red with small white center. Quite a new and distinct shade and a fine one.
New Jersey—White, tinted, veined and spotted.
Connecticut—Enormous flower, often measuring 2¾ inches across. Leaves gigantic in size with conspicuous dark zone. Color intense scarlet.
Wisconsin—Bright violet-crimson, white rayed centers freely spotted.

Price, 15c. each; $1.50 per dozen; the 21 for $2.60.

GERANIUM SEED.

New Hybrid Large-Flowering.

This is saved from such grand sorts as those offered above. It will produce magnificent varieties, probably many as good as those here named. It is the finest Geranium seed ever offered. Plants from seed bloom in a few months. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts., 50c. See page 43 for other Geranium seed.

8 SORTS NEW THIS YEAR.

Washington—Very curious, clusters of bloom branching, that is, 2 or 3 additional clusters, will grow out of each main cluster. Color fine pink freely spotted.
Florida—Enormous flower and foliage. Peach-pink, grading to mottled white at edge of petals, white center. Grand.
Dakota—Large deep scarlet tinged black.
Vermont—Pink mottled and rayed crimson. Large Pelargonium-like flower. Extra.
Nebraska—Enormous round flower. Crimson with small white eye. Plant dwarf and compact. Foliage finely zoned.
Maryland—Flower 3 inches across. Intense scarlet, white eye. Finest single sort.
Alabama—Deepest, darkest red; a grand and rich color.
Idaho—Bright rose color, center rayed white and slightly spotted.
New Hampshire—Extra large flower, of fine round shape. Enormous truss; color light red; dwarf habit.
Rhode Island—Color a fine mottling of peach-blow and white rayed violet-purple. Enormous size like a Pelargonium.

25c. each; 3 for 60c.; the 10 for $1.75.

BEST DOUBLE GERANIUMS.

Raspail Improved—Intense pure scarlet, enormous double florets very ronnd and regular. Dwarf habit. Best bedder in its color. Grand winter-blooming kind. This is a fine flower for cut bloom.
Lafayette—Large spherical trusses, color deep violet-crimson, dwarf habit. Florets very double and keeping well, without damping off.
Hubert Charron—Large trusses of enormous double florets, center of which is clear white with a heavy band of reddish carmine on each petal. Fine compact habit, profuse bloomer; unique in color.
Kleber—Large trusses of immense florets borne in great profusion. Color dark aniline-violet. Habit compact. Profuse bloomer in winter and summer. Excellent for cut bloom.
Madame Debouche—This is a marvel in beauty. Large spherical trusses of very double, round florets. Color is a soft shade of pink like the La France rose. Very dwarf habit; profuse bloomer. Excellent for cut bloom.
Chopin—Enormous size, semi-double great truss, fiery orange-scarlet. Fine bedder.
White Swan—Very floriferous. An extra fine pot Geranium, covered with large trusses of snow-white flowers that are very double and perfect. Habit, short-jointed and bushy. Finest double white.
S. A. Nutt—A massive truss of large double florets; close, compact habit; rich dark crimson-black.

Price, 15c. each; $1.50 per dozen. 1 each of the 8 for $1.00.

New Everblooming Hardy Roses.

See Colored Sketch on Cover.

These grand Roses are as hardy as the Hybrid Perpetuals with flowers equally as large and fine, and produce all the season almost as freely as Tea Roses. They are great acquisitions.

Norma—Introduced by us last year. Norma is a Rose at once unique and valuable, having the vigor, strength and hardiness of a Hybrid Perennial, an enormous flower like the American Beauty, and the perpetual blooming qualities of a Tea Rose. It is really an everblooming Hybrid Perpetual. From our experience with it (three years) we are satisfied that it is the grandest Rose ever introduced either for the garden or for pots. Its fragrance is superb, and its color an exquisite shade of pink, which no one can adequately describe. Mr. P. H. Meehan, the originator, says of it: "This is a seedling Rose I have had on trial for several years. The color is distinct, the same exquisite pink as Mad. Caroline Testout. Growth extra strong like American Beauty, perfectly hardy, having stood 16 degrees below zero the past winter, standing on top of the ground in a box, and is now coming into bloom without the loss of a bit of wood or a bud. Leaves very healthy and strong, flowers as large as American Beauty, very double, and a constant bloomer."
Liberty—An everblooming, hardy, Hybrid Tea Rose that possesses a strong, robust constitution and free blooming qualities. This will be a boon alike to the grower who forces Roses under glass for cut flowers and the one who plants outdoors for summer flowers. The color is magnificent, rich, fiery ruby with deep crimson tones in the depths of the flowers. The petals are covered with a rich velvety bloom like those of the "Jubilee" Rose. *American Gardening* says: "Never has nature yielded to the painstaking hybridist and plant raiser a more beautiful or more satisfying color than that seen in the new hybrid Tea Rose 'Liberty,' which to-day marks the limit of gloriously deep, yet bright coloration in a family by no means deficient in warm, rich hues of crimson-red."
Souv. de Joseph Caband—Outer petals coppery yellow, shading apricot and carmine toward the center. Difficult to satisfactorily describe, but is one of the most striking Roses in our list. An excellent grower and free bloomer.
Mme. Helen Cambier—Splendid both in bud and blossom. Large, full and gloriously fragrant. Pure white.

Price, 30c. each; the 4 for $1.00.

OUR FALL CATALOGUE FOR 1902.

Our Illustrated Catalogue of Hyacinths, Tulips, Narcissus, Crocus, Scillas, Freesias, Crown Imperials, Snowdrops, Alliums, and all Hardy Bulbs and Plants, for fall planting and winter blooming, will be sent to our customers the first of September. It will also be sent free to all others who apply. Address all orders and other communications to:

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.

A REVIEW OF THIS CATALOGUE.

There must be a feeling of confidence on the part of the public towards any house doing business through the agency of a Catalogue, otherwise the house cannot succeed. We have devoted 26 years to building up a business of this kind. From the start in 1875 with a dozen customers, to 1901 with half a million. Our goods have stood the test of time and experience, and enjoy an unprecedented reputation. That we have the largest patronage of any house of its kind in the world is because our goods are known, and also because it is known that a 25-cent order receives the same careful attention as a $25.00 order, our object being to please our customers (large or small) in every instance.

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Following this Colored Plate which is devoted to three fine Flower Seed Novelties, one of which we present to every customer of this year, the first 8 pages of this Catalogue contain: General Instructions, page 1; Greetings for 1902, pages 2 and 3, and the Mayflower, page 4; Giant Flowering Caladium, page 5; Everblooming Tritoma, page 6; Rare Fancy Caladiums, page 7. All extra fine things and leading Specialties with us. Page 8 contains a few miscellaneous useful articles, Books and our famous Surprise Collection.

THE MAYFLOWER, which occupies page 4, the reader should not overlook. In no way can one spend 25 cts. to better advantage, or that will be a greater help in caring for one's plants and gardens than by subscribing for this unique Monthly Magazine, which is published for the sole purpose of disseminating useful information.

Seed Department, on *yellow paper*, begins with page 9 and covers 64 pages. devoted to our special select strains of Flower and Vegetable Seeds, including the most worthy Novelties and late introductions of exceptional merit.

Bulb Department begins on page 73 illustrated with fine half-tone photographic cuts and should be of special interest to our customers. Nine pages are given up to Gladiolus alone, of which we have the finest stock in the world, and in fact grow most of the bulbs which the world uses. We are headquarters for this most magnificent of all garden flowers.

Plants, on *green paper*, covering 32 pages, from 89 to 120, follow. Here are offered the finest select varieties of Window and Bedding Plants, including the best new sorts. All are particularly fine, and the list of Roses and Chrysanthemums very select and choice sorts. Note the list of 25 lovely plants at 10c. each, pages 114 and 115.

Shrubs, Perennials and Fruits, on *pink paper*. The 16 pages of pink paper, which come next, beginning with page 121, are devoted to New and Rare Garden Fruits, Hardy Flowering Shrubs and Perennial Plants. For years we have made a specialty of choice new Fruits, and have introduced scores of fine Fruit Novelties. The list of Shrubs is the very best for general planting.

Note also the fine New Roses and Geraniums offered on the Covers.

SPLENDID NOVELTIES FREE.

A PACKET FREE TO EACH ONE WHO SENDS US AN ORDER.

Here are 5 exceptionally good new things which we propose to give away. Each one of our customers may select one of them and name their choice when sending in their order from this Catalogue, provided the order amounts to 25cts. or more.

JENNINGS PANSY—A wonderful new strain of Pansy which has been developed in Conn. The flowers are truly the LARGEST and FINEST COLORED we have ever seen. Among a lot we had last spring some of the blossoms measured 4¼ inches across, and there were new and fantastic colors that we had never before seen among Pansies. All colors and shades were represented. No amount of praise can do full justice to them. Seed, 20c. per pkt., 3 pkts., 50c. Fine strong plants, 80c. per dozen.

MAYFLOWER VERBENA—The grand new fragrant Arbutus-like Verbena fully described on page 39. Select pink and white colors mixed. Pkt., 15c.

MAMMOTH HELIOTROPE—This new Heliotrope is the result of a cross between the well-known Giant Heliotrope having been introduced a few years ago, and Mad. Bussy. It does not grow as high as the Giant but the more sturdy and broad, producing immense umbels of light and deep violet flowers, which have a diameter of 16 to 20 inches. The delicious perfume of this novelty by far excels all other Heliotropes. Plants will bloom within three months from the time of sowing the seed, and the enormous panicles of bloom are magnificent. Pkt., 20c.

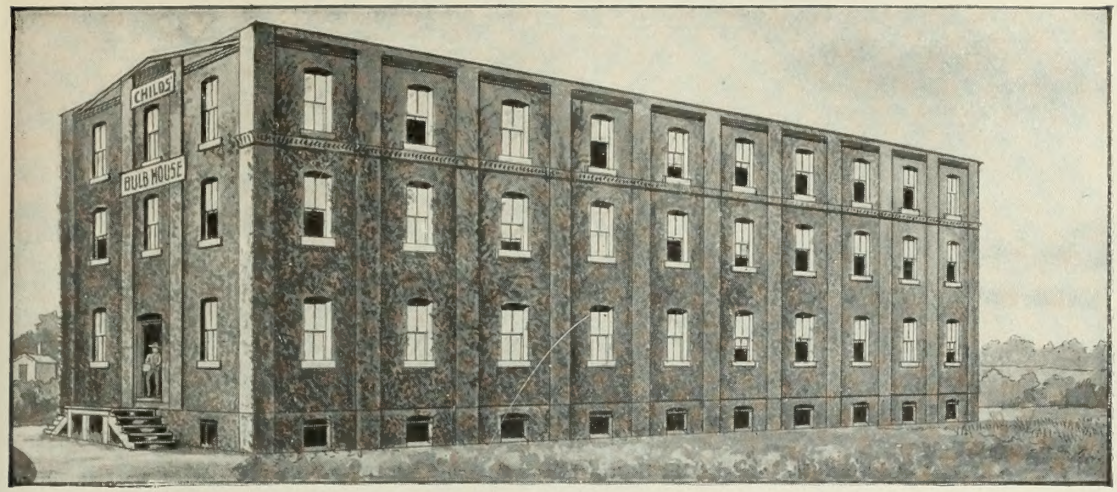
STOCKS, Perpetual Branching Snow White—The very finest of all Ten Weeks Stocks. See page 36. Pkt., 15c.

WHITE MOSS VERBENA—This new Verbena produces a mass of fine, moss-like foliage, and as the branches spread out over the ground in all directions a lovely carpet of mossy green is formed, above which are borne the delicate clusters of pure white blossoms in the wildest profusion. The effect is most charming. It is more hardy and robust than most Verbenas, and blooms in a very short time from seed. Makes a fine contrast with the purple-blue variety, introduced a year or two ago. It is really one of the very finest new garden flowers. Pkt., 15c.

When you send in your order, do not forget to name which one of these five Novelties you prefer, and we will send it FREE.

The Five Sorts for 30c.—These five Novelties amount to 85c., but we will send them for 50c. From this deduct 20c., on account of the one packet you are entitled to *free*, leaving but 30c. as the cost of the collection of five Splendid New Flowers.

MAMMOTH HELIOTROPE
WHITE MOSS VERBENA
JENNINGS' PANSIES.



Our Enormous Brick Bulb House, 40 x 100 feet, 4 Floors.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS.

What We Do.

We Take the Risk.—We guarantee that all money sent us shall reach us, if sent by Post Office or Express Company's Money Order, Bank Drafts, Bills or Coin by Registered Letters. We will not be responsible for coin sent in ordinary letters, or for postage stamps.

Free By Mail.—We send Seeds, Bulbs and Plants FREE BY MAIL at the prices named in this Catalogue. This brings them to the very doors of our customers without trouble or expense. To points where the large express companies touch, we can send some orders as cheaply by express as by mail. In such cases we send by express, prepaid, and notify the purchaser to that effect.

By Express.—If a package is ordered to go by express, we do not pay the charges; but larger Plants, Shrubs and Fruits can be sent in this way, and we always add extra ones, more than enough to pay the cost. All the large express companies carry our goods at very low rates.

We Guarantee that every package we send out shall reach its destination in good condition, and that everything shall be received exactly as ordered. If a package is lost, or any of its contents injured on the way, we will send again. We also guarantee everything true to name.

We Pack all Plants carefully in strong boxes, which insures their safe transit through the mails to the remotest part of the country or abroad.

We Fill all orders as soon as received, if the stock is ready. Customers who wish their order, or any part of it, booked for shipping at a later date, should state the fact.

To Canada, Mexico, Hawaii, New Zealand, Newfoundland, Germany, most of the **countries of South and Central America,** and the **West India Islands,** we can send goods in large parcels by mail, prepaid. We can ship only Seed to other foreign countries by mail, postpaid.

England, Ireland or Scotland, Australia and New Zealand.—We have so many customers in Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand, that we, at frequent intervals, fill their orders and ship the parcels in bulk to our agent in Liverpool or Auckland, from which point they are forwarded to their destination by rail or parcel post.

Discounts.—We make the following discounts to those who will get up a club or order largely for their own use. Considering our very low prices, we think them very liberal. *Please notice that these discounts cover everything offered in this Catalogue except Mayflower subscriptions in Clubs.*

Those sending $	1.00	can select articles amounting to $	1.10
"	2.00	"	"	2.25
"	4.00	"	"	4.60
"	5.00	"	"	5.75
"	6.00	"	"	7.00
"	10.00	"	"	12.00
"	25.00	"	"	30.00
"	100.00	"	"	125.00

We advise the formation of large clubs, and the above discounts will certainly pay anyone for some trouble in that direction. See, also, our splendid premium to MAYFLOWER clubs, on page 4.

What Buyers Should Do.

Forward Money with the order, and at our risk, when sent by Post-Office Money Order on Floral Park; greenbacks or gold or silver coin, by Registered Letter; Bank Draft or express company's Money Order. Post-Office Money Orders are by far the cheapest and the safest method for remitting, and nearly all post-offices issue them. The fee on a Money Order is only 3 or 5 cents for small sums. We send with this Catalogue an order sheet, envelope and a blank application for a Money Order to us, and earnestly request our patrons to remit by Money Order if possible.

Private Checks.—Private checks for small sums are not desirable, as it costs us so much to collect them. All banks now charge for collecting private checks.

Stamps—Please do not send postage stamps in payment for goods if it can be avoided. Letters often get damp in transit, causing stamps when enclosed to stick together and to the order, frequently resulting in the destruction of both. We shall return such as come in bad order.

Silver or Gold coin when sent in letters, should be sewed or pasted up in strong paper or cloth, to prevent its breaking through the envelope, which is frequently the case when enclosed loose. *We will not be responsible for Coin sent to us except in Registered Letter, nor for Stamps.*

Be Sure to write your name and address plainly. We have on our hands hundreds of orders of last year without names, others without post-office or state, and some with the name or post-office written in such a careless or illegible manner that it is impossible to read them. Keep a correct copy of your order, that you may know when the package arrives if all is correct, as people often forget what they ordered, and complain without cause.

Please Write your order plainly and distinctly by itself and not mix it up with anything else you may wish to say.

Those Who Send a neat, plainly written order will be sure to have it filled correctly and with despatch, and will also receive some valuable "extras." Always carry out the price of each article, and after adding the amounts together and deducting the discount, remit the extra sum.

Order Early.—We strive to fill all orders within a day or two after they reach us, but this is frequently made impossible by a great rush of business about planting time. Do not wait until you need your seeds and bulbs before ordering. Anticipate planting time by getting your orders in early.

IMPORTANT—It occasionally happens that an order is lost in coming to us, or the goods in going to the customer; therefore, if any who order do not hear from us within a reasonable length of time, they should send a duplicate order, naming the date on which the former one was sent and the amount of money enclosed, and in what form. This will enable us to investigate the matter and fill the duplicate order with despatch. *No inquiries will receive attention which do not contain duplicate, etc., as here mentioned.*

Address all orders, etc.,

JOHN LEWIS CHILDS, Floral Park, N. Y.

Greetings 1902.

MORE than ever before our Catalogue for this year represents a colletion of carefully grown, tested and selected specialties. All through the following pages of Flower and Vegetable Seeds, Bulbs, Plants and Fruits will be found only special, selected strains of the latest improved varieties (including Novelties down to this date) which experiments and tests have proved to be the best of their kind. Each year brings additional conviction of the wisdom of this policy adopted by us years ago. In offering only select stocks our customers get results far surpassing anything obtainable from ordinary commercial grades, and in offering only the finest and latest improved varieties inexperienced buyers cannot suffer by choosing inferior sorts. It is owing to our care in these respects more than any other that has made our Seeds, Bulbs and Plants famous the world over for their uniformly superior quality and brought to us the largest patronage of any house in our line of business in the world.

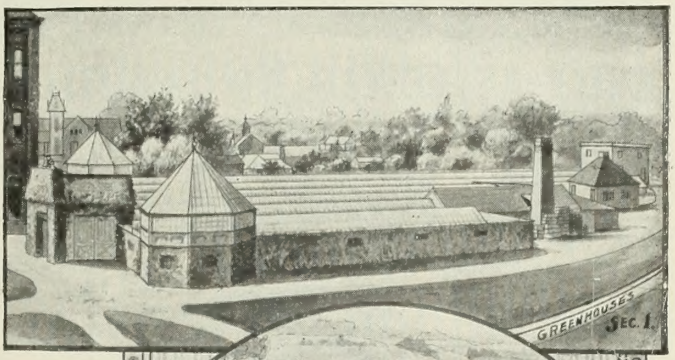
Our business was established 27 years ago on the line of the Long Island Railroad, 14 miles from the Cities of New York and Brooklyn. The locality where we secured about 200 acres of land for our gardens, and named the place Floral Park, now shows a thriving village built up entirely by the phenomenal growth of our enterprise. The City limits of Greater New York have reached us. Our 200 acres of brilliant flowers extending along the line of the railroad for over a mile has become famous as the greatest floral display to be found in America, and the Seeds, Bulbs and Plants which

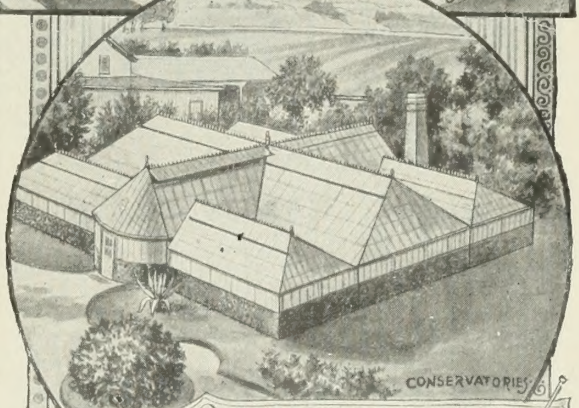
we grow reach customers in every quarter of the globe. To perfect and systematize the management of this business it has been divided into three different and distinct organizations, namely, Retail, Wholesale Bulb Growing and The Mayflower Publishing Co. The former is much the largest and most important. Several large buildings and sets of large greenhouses are used for carrying on the Retail Catalogue business. One is a mammoth brick and iron fire-proof warehouse where the general offices are located and orders are received and filled. About one million Catalogues are issued annually and the mail matter received and shipped averages several tons each day—enough to make Floral Park a first-class Post Office, the rank of cities like Chicago and Philadelphia.

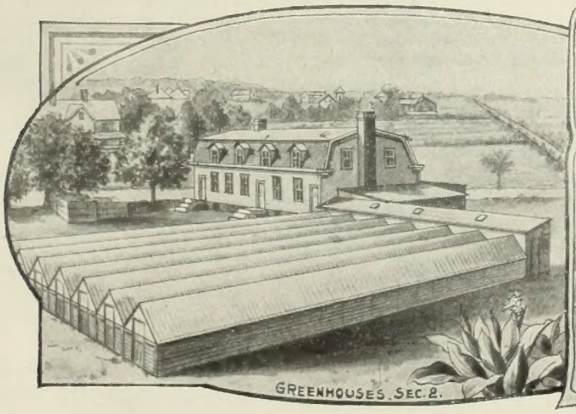
The Wholesale Department is confined to Bulbs, such as Gladiolus, Dahlias, Tuberoses, Cannas and Lilies. Outside of these few specialties we wholesale nothing. Our fine, high-bred stocks of Seeds and Plants are sold only at retail by ourselves, never by other dealers. Of Gladiolus alone we grow upwards of 100 acres and supply the wholesale trade with these bulbs in both Europe and America, our output amounting to millions of bulbs each year. A substantial brick bulb house with four floors, each 40x100 feet, is used for storing, sorting and shipping bulbs, and during the winter season each floor is stacked with racks full of bulbs from floor to ceiling.

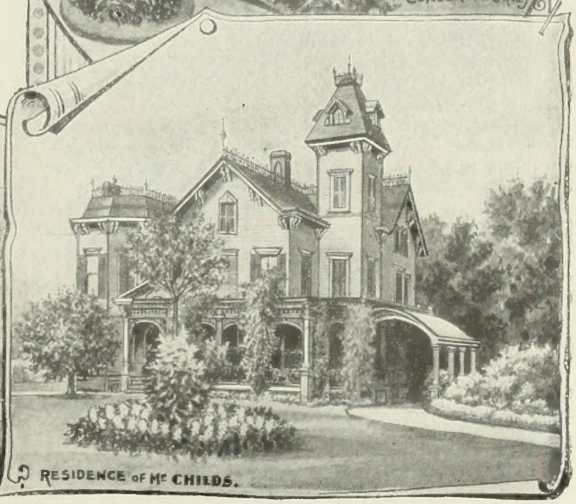
The Printing and Publishing Department, under name of Mayflower Publishing Company, occupies another brick building 160x50 feet. Combined with it is a Pumping Station, an Electric Light and Electrotyping plant and a modern outfit for making Half-tone Photographic Cuts. Seven presses are in use, some of which are the largest and finest of modern machines. One, a Mammoth Rotary Web, is capable of printing 80,000 Mayflowers per day. Our Catalogues are printed and bound here, as well as all other job press work, and the Mayflower magazine of which between 200,000 and 300,000 are issued monthly.

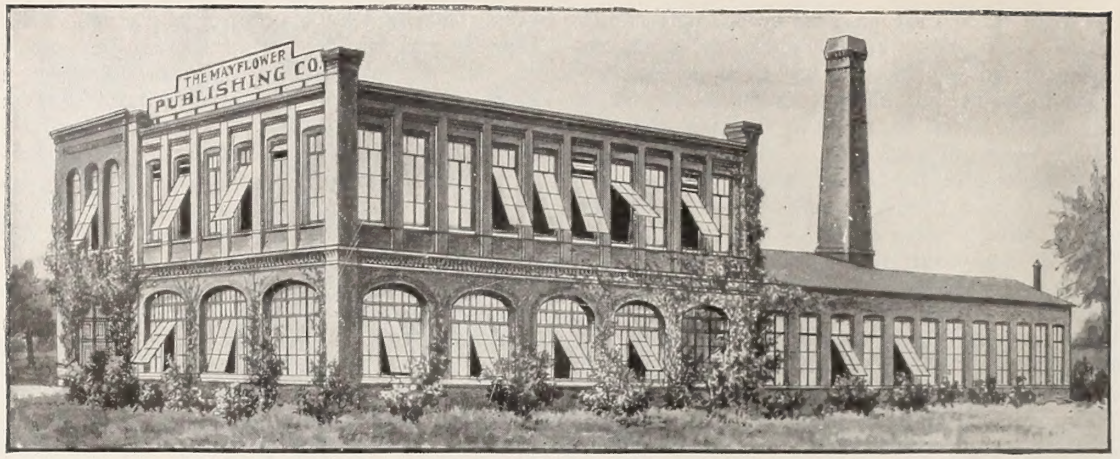
We acknowledge with grateful thanks our indebtedness to hundreds of thousands of lovers and cultivators of flowers, who have used our Seeds, Bulbs and Plants to their satisfaction and have taken pains to recommend them to others, and our efforts to give full and complete satisfaction to each and every person who favors us with an order, be it large or small, will never be slackened. We think our Catalogue for this year is in many respects the finest we ever issued, and the stocks of Seeds, Bulbs and Plants which awaits orders certainly is the best we ever had.











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The Mayflower is devoted to the Cultivation of Flowers, Plants, Fruits and Vegetables, and to Gardening and Home Adornment in general. Each issue contains scores of interesting, attractive and valuable articles from our staff of contributors, representing every State in the Union, and nearly every country of the Globe.

3 FINE PREMIUMS.

TAKE YOUR CHOICE.

Anyone who sends 25c. singly, for a year's subscription to THE MAYFLOWER may, by adding 10c. more, choose one of the following 3 Premiums, which will be sent postpaid, free of any other charge. Those who subscribe in clubs of 5 or more at 20c. per year, or 10 or more at 15c. per year, may select one of these 3 Premiums for only 5c. extra, which will be sent postpaid to the club raiser for delivery.

PREMIUM NO. 1.

Giant Flowering Caladium—This grand new plant is fully described on opposite page. It will be sent free to any single subscriber who sends 10c. at the time of subscribing, or to club subscribers for 5 cts.

PREMIUM NO. 2.

Everblooming Tritoma—This Premium is one strong plant of the grand New Everblooming Tritoma. The most magnificent garden flower introduced in recent times. See cut and full description on pages 5 and 6. Club subscribers must send 5c. for it; single subscribers 10c.

PREMIUM NO. 3.

5 Splendid New Sweet Peas—One packet each as follows. New Double Mixed Colors, produces many fine large double blossoms. New Trailing (or Cupid), Mixed Colors, trailing and not a climbing habit. Very beautiful. New Bush, Mixed Colors, these grow in bush form, without support, and are very novel and fine. New Seedlings Mixed, fine hybrid seedlings; and finest New Large Flowering Named Sorts, Mixed, the finest strain in cultivation. These 5 packets of New Sweet Peas will make a grand show. Club subscribers may have them all for 5c. Single subscribers for 10c.

A subscriber can select but one of the 3 Premiums, and that only at the time of subscribing.

SPECIAL FEATURES.

Information Box—What Our Readers Want to Know, by Lora S. La Mance. In this New Department Mrs. La Mance will answer all requests for information asked by our readers. These answers will be given in a novel manner.

Fine Illustrations—We are using this year a great number of fine half-tone illustrations of new Plants, Flowers, Vegetables, Fruits, etc.

Correspondence—Under the heading of each individual State we publish interesting and useful letters from our readers, Questions and Answers, which makes this department of great interest and value to every subscriber. Nearly every State is represented in each issue.

"The Warbler"—In addition to all other attractions we have added a little magazine on birds, which we call "The Warbler." This is devoted to the study of our native birds, with a view to setting forth their usefulness, especially in the orchard and garden, and to agriculture in general, that people may learn how important it is to protect them from slaughter.

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THE MAYFLOWER has a staff of over 100 contributors, representing every State and Country.

As may be supposed, the articles on Flowers and Gardening, which come from all parts of the world, are intensely interesting and useful. Each issue is a mine of information, interest and beauty.

Club Premiums to Club Raisers.

A Fine Club Premium for Every Name Sent.

THE MAYFLOWER is so good and its Premium so valuable, that it is a very easy matter for anyone, man, woman, or child, to get up a club among their friends and neighbors. We give the club raiser a fine premium for **every subscriber sent in,** and each subscriber in the club also gets one of our regular premiums offered above. The club-raiser may select one of the following fine Plants or Bulbs for every subscriber sent us, and same will be mailed free.

1 Bulb Fancy Caladium, Seedling, see page 7.
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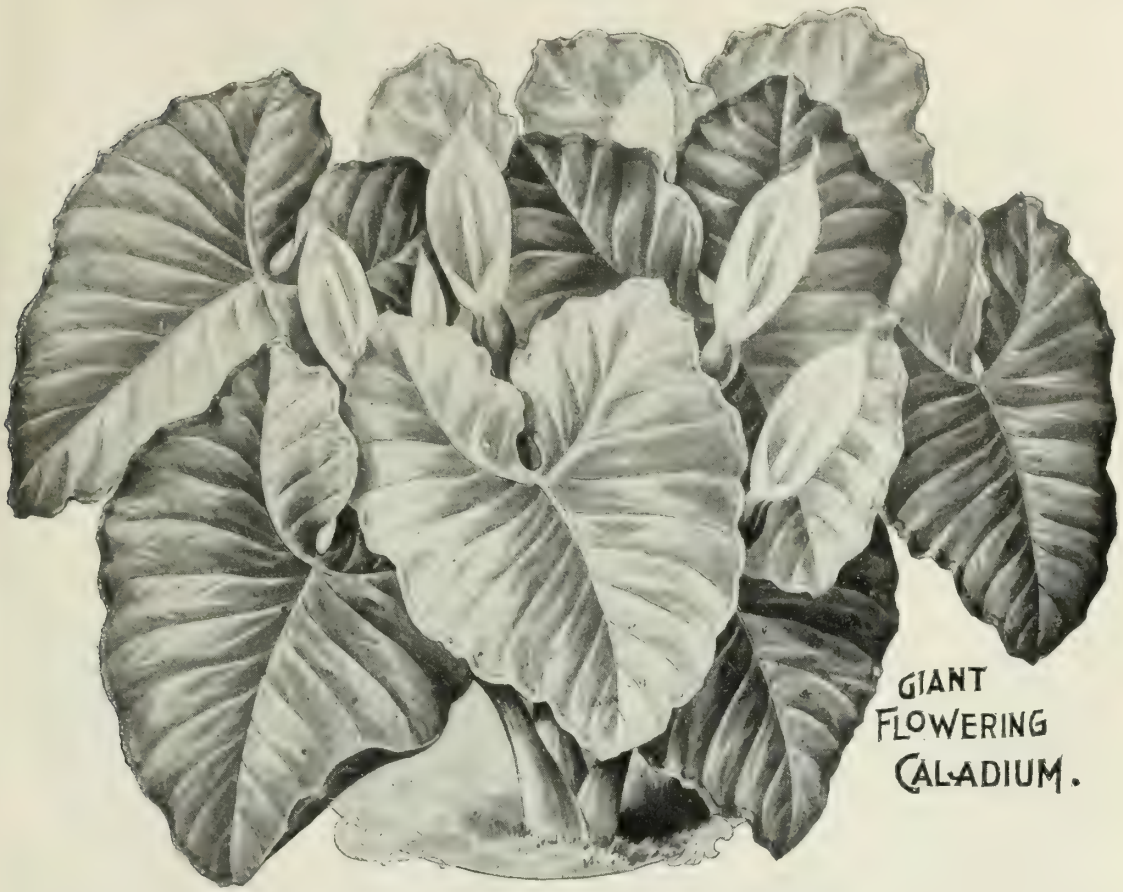


Giant Flowering Caladium.

"NEW CENTURY."

The Grandest Foliage and Flowering Plant yet Introduced

Leaves three times as large as any other Caladium, having a heavy leathery texture, and a bright, glossy-green color, with metallic luster which is remarkably handsome. It does not produce a bulb, but is increased by suckers, and is perennial. The leaf stalks are strong and tall, holding the mammoth leaves well above the ground. Leaves 3 to 5 feet long, by 2 or 2½ feet broad; perfectly immense, and make a plant which for tropical luxuriance has no equal. Added to this wonderful foliage effect are the mammoth lily-like blossoms; snow-white, changing to cream, with a rich and exquisite fragrance so powerful as to perfume a whole garden. Plants bloom perpetually all summer in the garden, or all the year round in pots. Not only is it the grandest garden or lawn plant, but as a pot plant for large windows, verandas, halls or conservatories, it rivals the choicest Palms in foliage, to say nothing of its magnificent flowers. Thrives in any soil or situation, and grows and blooms all the year. As many as 6 to 12 flowers rise successively from the base of each leaf-stalk, and are borne on stems eighteen inches high. Regardless of all we can say in its praise, the plant will astonish everyone with its magnificence—so novel and so wonderfully effective, free-growing and fragrant. One flower is sufficient to perfume a large room with a most delicate aroma. Our plants growing in the open ground the past summer have been the wonder and admiration of all visitors to Floral Park. They have flowered constantly.

Well established plants, by mail, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 6 for $1.00. Extra large plants by mail or express, 60c. each; 2 for $1.00.—By express we send plants which are too large to mail.

The Grand Everblooming Tritoma.

See Cut on next page.

Everblooming Scarlet—The greatest bedding plant ever introduced, surpassing the finest Cannas for attractiveness and brilliancy, equal to the Gladiolus as a cut flower and blooms incessantly from June until December, regardless of frost. Plants perfectly hardy in open ground all winter south of Philadelphia; further north they must be protected or wintered in a cellar like the ordinary Tritoma. Just bury the roots in sand; nothing more is required. Should be planted out very early in spring, and will commence growth and bloom at once, growing larger and finer every day. Plants show from 6 to 20 grand flower stalks all the time, each holding at a height of 3 to 4 feet a great cluster of flame-colored flowers of indescribable beauty and brilliancy. Each cluster keeps perfect several weeks, and when it fades 2 or 3 more are ready to take its place. Fall frosts do not kill it or stop its blooming, and it is as brilliant as ever long after all other garden flowers have been killed. For cutting it is unsurpassed, and the beautiful long spikes keep several weeks in water. Without a single exception, it is the most desirable garden flower. It has created a sensation in the New York cut flower market. Strong plants that will soon bloom, 25c. each; 5 for $1.00; 12 for $2.00. Seed, 15c. per pkt.

Everblooming Yellow (New this year)—This is like the above in every respect except color, and possibly spikes are more compact. Color much lighter, being a bright orange-yellow. Very fine indeed, and contrasts magnificently with the scarlet. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

One each of the two kinds for 50c.

The Everblooming Tritoma is the most brilliant and satisfactory garden flower. See page 5 for full description.

Fancy Caladiums.

Easy to grow in summer, either in beds or pots. For piazza or summer conservatory decoration they are unrivaled. Their beautifully shaped and glossy foliage is elegantly variegated in the most telling manner. One, perhaps, is regularly dotted with round raised spots of white, another is ribbed and veined with pink or scarlet, or yellow, while still another is flashed and marbled with white or marked with delicate and vivid colors as to make them as showy as great and peculiar flowers. The small early leaves do not always show all the fine colors of the large ones which comes later. Our collection is superb, comprising over 80 named kinds of which the following are the best.

Duc de Rativor—White and dark green beautifully mottled. Green band around each leaf and wide ribs of dark red.

Louis Duplesses—Fine net-work of green veins on white ground. Extra large ribs of intense crimson.

Princess Alexander—Ground color of leaf delicate pink, the mid-rib and veins being dark olive-green.

Aymore—Leaf large, white transparent center. Ribs pink. Green zone covered with irregular purple splashes.

Curupa—Light green with large carmine center and white ribs.

Bebevibe—Light green interspersed with white spots. Center beautiful soft, transparent pink. Ribs deep pink.

Mamanguapa—Medium size leaf with dark pink center. Pink ribs, large, dark green zone with white splashes.

Don Pedro—Large, yellowish green leaf with white center and pink ribs, the whole surface heavily splashed with light rose-colored spots.

Bendigo—A most beautiful leaf of large size. Color a soft pink with dark green splashes. Ribs dark green.

Baron de Mammore—Large leaf, ground color white heavily interlined with light green, crimson and pink stripes. Center dark crimson. Ribs scarlet. One of the grandest varieties.

Donna Carmina Mercedes—Gold-colored leaf with irregular soft pink-colored spots.

Cacapoca—Yellowish leaf with carmine ribs which color expands from the ribs towards the zone, gradually disappearing as it approaches the border of the leaf. Magnificent.

Ed. Moreau—Ground color of leaf emerald green with distinct crimson ribs of numerous splashes of pure white.

Price 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 13 for $2.00.

7 Beauties for $3.00.

For $3.00 we will send 7 extra fine new and rare sorts which are perfectly immense. Space does now allow us to give names and descriptions.

Mixed Fancy Caladiums.

A grand assortment, about 80 kinds, many of them very rare and grand. 15c. each; $1.50 per dozen.

Select Seedlings.

We grow thousands of Seedling Fancy Caladiums, and from these have made a careful selection of the most odd, beautiful and brightly colored sorts which we offer as an extra fine lot of mixed seedlings. They are perfectly exquisite. 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.; 15 for $1.50.

Dwarf Evergreen Caladium.

This is known as "Argyrites" and is an extremely novel and dwarf variety, and remains in full foliage the whole year. One of the most beautiful pot plants, the small egg-shaped leaves being white spotted with green, or green splashed white. Easily grown. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Our NEW CENTURY Surprise Collection.

MANY DOLLARS' WORTH OF FINE PLANTS, BULBS AND SEEDS FOR $1.00.

It is our custom each year, after the heavy spring business is about over, in May, to take the surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving four or five times the value of their money. In fact, the "Surprise" is in the great amount of fine things one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent until about the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection, from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than ONE DOLLAR, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free, by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case we can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surpise" Collections ordered previous to May 15th will be booked and shipped then, but we can continue sending them up to the first of July. We advise our friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection, particularly this year, for we are going to see how good it can be made.

OUR TEN CENT HORTICULTURAL BOOKS.

We publish several valuable books on Horticulture, which we supply at 10 cents each. They are so cheap that all our customers CAN afford to have them and so valuable that all SHOULD have them.

ALBUM OF FLORAL PARK VIEWS.

We publish a beautiful album of half-tone photographic pictures of Floral Park, showing the beautiful lawns, flower beds, summer-houses, fountains, buildings of various kinds, greenhouses, seed-stores, residences, MAYFLOWER printing office, etc. It also contains a fine portrait of Mr. John Lewis Childs. This album of Floral Park views is gotten up to accommodate those of our friends and customers who have asked for something of the sort, and is offered at cost price. The album also contains several press notes on the beauties of Floral Park, and several pages of poems, called "Gems from THE MAYFLOWER." They are a selection of the most beautiful poems (all original) which have appeared in THE MAYFLOWER during the last eight years. Price of Album, by mail, postpaid, 10 cents.

BEAUTIFUL HOME SURROUNDINGS.

BY LORA S. LA MANCE.

This charming book contains 80 pages, and is the most comprehensive and valuable work on planting, laying out and keeping in proper order the lawn and garden, and everything pertaining thereto. It is worth almost its weight in gold. It should be in the hands of all who love gardening. Price, 10 cents.

CHRYSANTHEMUMS.

A charming little illustrated book on the Chrysanthemum, giving all needed information in regard to its culture in the house, garden or conservatory. It tells all about propagating, insect enemies, growing from seed, etc. Eleven chapters. Price, 10 cents.

HOUSE PLANTS.

BY LORA S. LA MANCE.

This is a thorough treatise on House Plants and their culture. It is a companion to "Beautiful Home Surroundings," and is as valuable a guide to floriculture in the house as that charming book is to floriculture in the open air. No one should be without it who grows window plants. Price, 10 cents.

INSECTS.

This valuable book tells all about insects of every kind which infest house and greenhouse plants, garden vegetables and flowers, shrubs, trees and field crops, moths, ants, flies and other insects which infest our homes. In every case it gives the best known means of destroying them, many of the remedies being new and little known. This book is worth its weight in gold. Price, only 10 cents per copy.

GLADIOLUS AND THEIR CULTURE.

This is a unique and complete treatise on the Gladiolus, giving all needful information regarding the different species and their culture. It is finely illustrated, and is a valuable work on this most important garden flower. Price, 10 cents.

THE PANSY.

A fine little booklet on the Pansy by Mrs. La Mance. Tells all about Culture, History, Modern Pansies, Arrangement of Blooms, etc. Price, 10 cents, postpaid.

HOW TO COOK VEGETABLES.

BY JESSIE LYNCH.

555 Choice Recipes for Cooking Vegetables, all the different kinds. This pamphlet is worth its weight in gold to any family. If you want vegetables better than you ever ate before, this will tell you how to cook them so that they will be. Price, 10 cents.

SPECIAL OFFER.—Any of the above valuable books by mail, postpaid, at 10 cents; the eight for 50c.

Paper Flower Pots.

Here we offer Flower Pots made from Naponset Waterproof Fabrics. They are very light, durable, unbreakable, cheap, and of terra-cotta color. Just the pot for growing small plants and seedlings.

Size, 2½ inches, 25c. per dozen; per 100, $1.00.
Size, 2½ inches, 30c. per dozen; per 100, $1.25.
Size, 3 inches, 35c. per dozen; per 100, $1.50.
By mail, postpaid, at above prices.

Our Fine Chromo Pictures.

Gladiolus Childsi—A most beautiful picture in eighteen colors, 16x33 inches, showing in natural size and color several spikes of this grand new race of Gladiolus (Childsi). It is a magnificent picture, and is acknowledged to be the finest thing ever produced in floral art. It has been ordered from all parts of the world, and about 200,000 copies have already been sold. It is well worth a dollar. Everybody who sees it, wants it, and many people are making money by selling them at 50 cents and $1.00. each. Mailed on receipt of 15 cents.

Iris Kæmpferi—A companion picture to Gladiolus Childsi, size 16x33, in eighteen colors, showing thirteen varieties of the finest double Iris Kæmpferi in natural colors. It is useless to attempt to describe the beauty of this loveliest of all floral paintings. The great flaming blossoms in their loveliest tints stand out in all their silken lustre and charm the eye with their matchless beauty. Sent by mail, postpaid, in strong roller, on receipt of 15 cents.

SPECIAL OFFER—*For only 20 cents we will send by mail, in strong cardboard roller, these two elegant pictures.*

Childs' Bug Scorcher.

A NEW INSECTICIDE OF GREAT VALUE.

The Most Convenient to Use, and The Surest of All Insect Killers.

It is with great pleasure that we offer this, the greatest of all compounds for destroying insects of every kind and description. It is a paste, a teaspoonful of which is dissolved in a pint of warm water (or a tablespoonful in a quart of water). With this water the infested plants are sprayed, washed, syringed or sprinkled. It kills every insect with which it comes in contact, on the spot; also, their eggs and larvæ. Those which escape its touch die afterwards, by feeding upon the plant which has been syringed. Though so destructive to all insect life, it is non-poisonous and harmless to vegetation when diluted as directed. It dissolves quickly and readily in cold water. It is a great discovery and is absolutely sure death to every form of insect life at touch. Price, in seven-ounce cans, postpaid, 40c.; 3 cans, $1.00.

Excelsior Fertilizer.

BEST OF ALL PLANT FOOD.

A New Odorless Fertilizer for Pot Plants. Makes Plants Grow and Bloom Luxuriantly and Drives Insects from the Soil.

This excellent fertilizer is used by dissolving a teaspoonful in a pint of water and applying it to the soil of pot plants every week or two. It starts the plants at once into healthy and vigorous growth and abundant bloom. It drives worms and other troublesome insects from the soil. It has no disagreeable odor, and is the only artificial fertilizer which can be used without danger or injury to the plants. It takes the place of liquid manure and is just the thing that has been wanted for a long time. Mr. Eben E. Rexford says: "Thers is nothing so convenient to use, or better in results, than the Excelsior Fertilizer, put up by Mr. Childs, especially for pot plants. It produces a vigorous and healthy growth, and plants to which it is given flower very freely."

Price, one-half pound packages, 25c. each, postpaid; or 30c. per pound, by express.

Gossamer Rubber Mittens for Garden Work.

After once using these mittens, one who cares to protect the hand would not be without them. The disagreeable part of gardening, in the estimation of many, is overcome by them. The hands are kept from contact with the dirt and protected from the sun. For ladies' use they are invaluable and every lady who works or would like to work among her plants and flowers should have them. 20c. per pair, postpaid.

Extra Good Flower-Seed Novelties.

This Colored Plate is devoted to a few exceptionally good Flower-Seed Novelties of this year. Our readers will find in Arctotis and Platycodon Maresi, two particularly lovely new flowers. Too much cannot be said in praise of Commelina Sellowiana either as a garden or pot plant. The blue variety offered first by us two years ago is offered in connection with the new Rosy-Blue color.

Royal Pinks.

A leading German Novelty of last year. A strain of Dianthus of the Heddewiggi type with flowers of unusually large size and beautiful, fimbriated petals. In richness of color these blossoms are perfect marvels, ranging from white to dark maroon with all the marblings, pencilings and variegations imaginable, colors and combinations the effect of which it is utterly useless to attempt to describe. With us seed sown in hot-bed the first of April made blooming plants by the end of May which flowered freely all summer. Seed sown in the open ground in May produced plants which began blooming about the first of July, and in both instances the plants bloomed until the ground froze around them. They are so hardy as not to be injured by the earliest fall frosts, but are brilliant and attractive, after everything else has been cut down. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Commelina, Rosy-Blue.

(BUTTERFLY FLOWER.)

This is a new variety of Commelina Sellowiana offered on page 14, a sort of flowering "Wandering Jew," a plant which we first introduced two years ago. This new variety is of a peculiar color, being of a rose-tinted blue as rare as it is beautiful. These Commelinas are very easily grown and bloom quickly, either from seed or cuttings, and may be grown as garden plants or as pot plants. As pot plants they bloom the year round, being particularly fine in winter. We cannot do our customers a greater kindness than to urge them to try this plant, and we know it will be more than satisfactory. Seed, 10c. per pkt. Plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Commelina Sellowiana, Blue.

The most lovely shade of blue we ever saw in any flower and a profuse bloomer every day the year round in pots, or during summer in the garden. Seed, 5c. per pkt. Plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c. One plant each of the two colors for 25c.

Arctotis Gracilis.

An easily-grown annual which blooms in a very short time from seed and continues in great profusion through the entire summer and fall. It is highly ornamental, glaucous-green foliage and the large, daisy-like blossoms are borne on long, graceful stems. The flower may be described as a white Daisy with a blue center and a yellow band at the base of the petals. The form of the flower is perfection itself and the color is novel and fascinating. One of the most beautiful and easily-grown garden annuals in existence. Pkt., 15c.

Platycodon Maresi.

A perfect gem of a Hardy Perennial plant which blooms first year from seed, and for any number of years following, as the roots are perfectly hardy in any locality even to Quebec. The plant makes a pretty little tuft of foliage close to the ground, and from its crown sends up slender stems to the height of 2 to 5 inches bearing VERY LARGE, wide open saucer-shaped blossoms which are perfectly exquisite. The size of the blossoms as compared with the plants is so enormous as to attract every eye. Most of the plants produce flowers of a deep rich blue color, but some will be pure white and others white tinted blue. Seed may be sown in pots early or in open ground. In either case plants will bloom well the first summer. We feel that too much cannot be said in favor of this gem of a plant. It is certainly one of the most pleasing novelties we have seen in a long time. Seed, 15c. per pkt. Fine year-old roots, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Japan Giant Imperial Morning Glory, Yellow.

A new Morning Glory from Japan of the Giant Imperial Type, and a most novel and beautiful color, being a fine yellow. A most valuable addition to flowering vines. Pkt., of 5 seeds, 15c.

One pkt. each of the 6 novelties for 50c.

DIANTHUS
ROYAL PINKS.
PLATYCODON
MARIESI.
ARCTOTIS GRACILIS.

NOVELTIES AND SPECIALTIES IN
CHOICE SELECT FLOWER SEEDS.

Our Special Improved Strains of Leading Annuals, Perennials and Climbers.

The Most Worthy Late Introductions, Including Novelties of this Year. Only Select Seed of Improved Strains Offered.

The ordinary commercial grades of flower seeds, such as are usually sold, can be and are sold at a very low price. They are grown and harvested in large crops, much like grain. They are produced cheaply, sold cheaply, and are, in fact, cheap in every sense of the word; and he who sows them has no right to complain at their poor quality. They cannot possibly be anything but poor. Seed of high quality can be produced only by thorough, careful, painstaking and expensive methods. We do not offer our customers the ordinary commercial grades of seed. Our stocks are special strains of special varieties bred up to the highest mark of perfection and selected with great care, and for this reason we grow and offer but a limited number of varieties,—only those which are of the greatest merit and sure to give satisfaction everywhere. The very best varieties, bred up to an unequalled mark of perfection, has made our seeds famous the world over.

We sell only select stocks of special varieties, including Annuals, Climbers and Perennials. The two latter are indicated by the word CLIMBER or PERENNIAL, following name. Seed of CHOICE HOUSE PLANTS and GENERAL FLOWER SEEDS are offered under their respective headings. ***See pages 41 and 48.***

For the best summer display the garden is dependent upon flowers which are grown from seed sown every year. There are thousands of varieties, some good, some indifferent, but the great majority are poor, or in some respects unsatisfactory and not desirabe for general cultivation. With a view to offering our customers only the very best varieties, those which cannot fail to produce good results in every part of the country, we have for years carefully grown, tested and selected to ascertain what sorts possessed superior merits. The list here presented is the result of our labor. It contains the very best of all sorts, and all which are really and generally desirable. We might offer one hundred varieties of Asters or fifty varieties of Balsams, Phloxes, Poppies, etc., but there would be no advantage in so doing. On the other hand, it would be a decided disadvantage, for our customers might therefore fail to select the best kinds.

CLIMBERS.—Every garden, every cottage, every fence, wall, stump of old tree, is beautified by graceful and profuse flowering vines. Vines are nature's draperies, and are essential to any and every attempt to beautify one's home surroundings. Our Sweet Peas, Morning Glories and Nasturtiums are particularly fine.

PERENNIALS.—These are all hardy plants which live in the garden year after year, blooming every spring or summer, with little or no care. They are exceedingly beautiful, while many of them are among the brightest gems of the floral kingdom. As a rule, they bloom early in the spring, when the garden is almost destitute of flowers.

ANNUALS.—All sorts not designated as *Climbers* or *Perennials* are classed as Annuals, such as Asters, Phloxes, Zinnias, etc., of which our strains are the finest in the world.

CULTURE.—As a rule, seed may be sown in the open ground about corn-planting time, or they may be started in the house or in hot-beds earlier and transplanted to the garden when danger of frost is over. A rather light and moderately rich soil, thoroughly spaded, is most desirable. Do not grow the plants too thickly. Keep the weeds down and the surface of the soil well stirred with a hoe or rake during the summer, especially if the weather is dry. Pretty effects are produced by massing different colors in Asters, Phloxes, Zinnias, Verbenas, etc., yet mixed colors are always showy and pleasing.

Prices: We offer regular sized packets at a stated price, and will give THREE packets of any ONE kind for the sum that TWO packets would cost. For instance, any one variety listed at 5c., three packets of it may be had for 10c. Any one 10c. packet, three packets may be had for 20c.; three packets of a 15c. sort for 30c., etc.

Alyssum.

A favorite little annual, because of its fragrance and abundance of bloom. As easy to grow as any weed, and blooms from early summer until severe freezing weather in fall. Sow seed *very* early in open ground. Dainty little plants for hanging baskets or small pots. Good for cutting or button-hole bouquet. Per pkt.

Sweet—Racemes of small cruciform white flowers, honey-scented, and never out of bloom..... 5

Little Gem—An improved variety; much larger flowers, of a pure white, and, if possible, more floriferous than the old sweet. Plant is also more robust and spreading, a single plant forming a thick mat of flowers and foliage 12 to 15 inches across. Three and four hundred spikes of flowers in full bloom can be counted on a good plant at one time.....10

Aquilegia, or Columbine.

(*PERENNIAL.*)

One of the best of the early summer perennials. Curious flowers, extremely graceful and beautiful, and borne in great quantities high above the foliage, which itself is very beautiful and attractive. Extra fine for cutting. Per pkt.

Prize Mixture—This strain embraces more than one hundred varieties, double and single, and of all shapes and colors..... 5

Chrysantha—Large golden yellow.....10

Asters.

The acknowledged queen of autumn annuals. Indispensable for the flower garden, fine as a show plant for fairs and exhibitions, and charming pot plants. Very profuse bloomers, with exceedingly beautiful flowers of most exquisite colors and almost perfect form. There are several forms of Asters, some being imbricated like the Rose, some loose and globular like a Pæony, while others are partly incurved like the Chrysanthemum. In regard to height they are classified as tall, half-dwarf and dwarfs. The tall varieties are fine for the center of large beds and for cutting, as their flowers are borne on long stems; the dwarfs are particularly fine for borders or masses of one color, as they are so compact and bloom so profusely as to seem like so many bouquets set in the ground; the semi-dwarf are good for all purposes, and extra fine for pot culture.

It is a good plan to make two or more successive sowings, two weeks apart, to prolong the season of bloom; seeds can be sown in hot-bed or house and afterwards transplanted, or they can be sown in open ground. In hot, dry weather, mulch liberally with old manure or coarse litter, and do not let them suffer for water. Our list of varieties is a fine one. There is not a poor sort among them all. Per pkt.

Giant-Branching Comet—A superb new Aster, growing 18 inches high, with enormous flowers borne on long, graceful stems. The plant branches freely, carrying from 20 to 40 of its magnificent flowers. Each flower is as double and perfect as a Pæony, 5 to 6 inches in diameter, with center filled with a charming whirl of petals, after the true comet style. All colors mixed.....15

Giant-Branching Comet, Carmine—Fine bright color...10
" " " **Carmine, Striped White**.....10
" " " **White, Striped Pink**.....10
" " " **Rose Pink**—A lovely color.....10
" " " **Pure White**—A real giant in size and magnificence. Stems 12 to 15 inches long.....10

One pkt. each of above six for 50c.

Giant-Branching Upright, White—A grand white, branching Aster with enormous double upright blossoms on upright stems.....10

Giant Comet—The plants are tall and of much vigor, while the flowers are of such extraordinary size that they may without contest be said to be the largest of any in existence. Flowers are formed of large twisted and curled petals, and look exactly like the most refined forms of Japanese Chrysanthemum. They must therefore take first place among Asters of unique beauty. Many colors mixed.....10

Giant Comet, White—Immense size, snow white.....15

Giant Comet, Sulphur Yellow—Superb novelty.....15

Semple's Marvel—A new American Aster of wonderful beauty and profusion. Plants grow 20 inches high, branch freely in an upright manner, producing a great number of magnificent blossoms on long stems. The flowers are very double and perfect, and possess the richest colors. They bloom a little later than most kinds and escape the ravages of the Aster beetle. One of the good recent novelties. Per pkt.

Semple's Marvel, Crimson or Lavender.....10
" " **Delicate Pink or Rich Purple**.....10
" " **Pure White or Mixed Colors**.....10

Giant Silver-Tipped—These giant-flowered Asters are very fine, being of dwarf growth, and the blossoms, which are of the largest size, formed of wide, regularly shaped petals, each tipped with silvery white, no matter what the principal color of the blossoms may be. Have proved to be very fine novelties. Mixed colors...10

JAPANESE ASTERS.

Japanese—New Asters of great size and beauty, like Japanese Chrysanthemums. They are of immense size, measuring from five to six inches across, with long petals curiously waved and curled, so as to give them a striking resemblence to the Chrysanthemum. It is a vigorous growing plant, fourteen or fifteen inches high, well branched, and producing quite a number of these enormous flowers.....15

New Rose—Tall sort, about two feet in height. One of the very best varieties, and a profuse bloomer. Outer petals are full recurved, and inner petals beautifully incurved and imbricated like the Rose. Mixed colors.10

New Rose, Pure White—Pure pearly white; exquisite for cutting or wearing.....10

New Rose, Dark Red—Very rich, clear color.....10

New Rose, Blue—A beautiful shade of clear blue. The white, red and blue sorts are admirable for ribbon bedding, contrasting finely with each other.....10

Vick's Branching, Pure White—A strong grower of branching habit, and continues to grow and bloom later in the season than any other variety. The flowers are very large, often four inches in diameter, borne on long stems, adding greatly to their value for vases and bunches. The petals are more or less twisted or curled in such a manner as to give the blooms the appearance of large, graceful Chrysanthemums. Fine for cutting..10

Vick's Branching, Mixed Colors—Like the above, but of several different colors.....10

Dwarf Victoria, Mixed Colors—Equally good for bedding, pots or exhibition. Plants one foot in height, the foliage almost hidden by the plumy flowers, three or four inches in diameter, of the most beautiful form, and the most exquisite colors to be found.....10

Truffaut's Pæony-Flowered—A valuable and standard variety. The most perfect Pæony type known. Tall growing, and bearing an enormous quantity of extra large, double flowers beautifully incurved and of every shade, from pure white to glowing crimson. Twenty colors or more mixed..... 5

Reine des Halles—This Aster is of medium height, robust and free flowering; *three weeks earlier than any other variety known.* Mixed colors.....10

New Yellow Quilled—A decided novelty, in color being a really good lemon yellow. Flowers beautifully quilled.10

Harlequin—Lovely pure white petals, irregularly interspersed with deep blue or brignt red petals, making bright splashes and stripes of color over the snowy groundwork. Mixed colors. Medium height..... 5

Quilled German—Plants tall and branching, flowers beautifully quilled, and noted for the clearness of their colors. Profuse bloomers. Mixed colors..... 5

Daybreak—A sport from the celebrated Branching Aster, bearing immense Pæony-like double blossoms of the loveliest sea-shell pink color. No other Aster produces such large and beautiful blossoms in such reckless profusion, and their lasting qualities are such that when cut and placed in water they will keep two weeks.10

Snowball—A dwarf pure white variety with enormous flowers, beautifully imbricated like an incurved Chrysanthemum. An exquisite variety.....10

Dwarf Chrysanthemum-Flowered—Plants ten inches in height, perfect pyramids of bloom. Fine for edging, and especially valuable as a late bloomer. Mixed.....10

Dwarf Bouquet—Very compact, but six to eight inches high, a mass of flowers from bottom to top. Mixed.... 5

Shakespeare—Dwarf variety, six inches in height. Novel shades of coloring, large globular flowers, and very floriferous. Each plant looks like a unique little bouquet set in the ground, so compact and crowded with blossoms. The cut shows their habit to good advantage. Fine for bordering a bed of taller sorts..... 5

***SPECIAL OFFER**—For $2.00 we will send one packet each of these 35 superb Asters.*

Mixed Asters.

A bed of mixed Asters, all kinds, colors and varieties, is certainly attractive. We offer mixtures of both dwarf and tall-growing sorts separate.

Mixed Tall-Growing Asters—All sorts and colors; will make an interesting and attractive bed. Large pkts...20

Mixed Dwarf Asters—All the low-growing or dwarf sorts. Large pkts.....15

Antirrhinum, Giant Scented,

OR SNAPDRAGON.

A new giant-flowered strain of the grand old Snapdragon, which in size and beauty of bloom, either in pots or garden, almost equals Gladiolus. Per pkt.

Giant White—This remarkable new plant has jumped into foremost place among choice winter-bloomers. No novelty in our greenhouses has attracted the attention or received praise equal to this. It is a perpetual bloomer, compact and branching in habit, sending up flower spikes by the dozen, one to two feet in length, almost as large as and more beautiful than Gladiolus. Color, pure white, with lemon-tinted throat and of a lovely fragrance. Flowers keep two weeks after being cut. It has created a sensation in the New York flower market.....10

Giant Yellow—Exactly like the above except in color, which is a beautiful canary yellow.....10

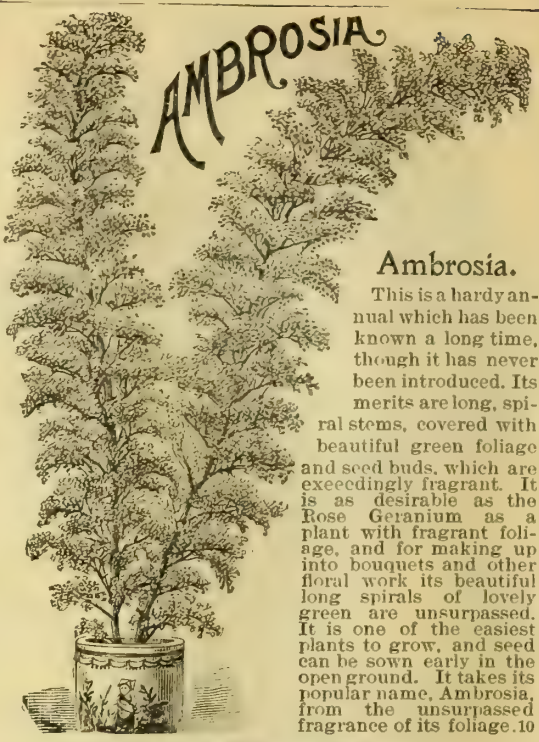
Giant Crimson—Largest of all. Exceedingly fine..... 5

Giant Mixed—Many colors, including the above, all large and exceedingly fragrant. Try them, both in garden and pots 10

Tom Thumb—Very dwarf and a most beautiful plant. All colors mixed. 5

Anchusa Capensa.

A rare and little known annual of great beauty. It is a life-long favorite with everyone who grows it. It resembles a large, beautiful Forget-me-not, though much finer in every respect, especially for bouquets and cut flowers. Color, a most lovely shade of deep, clear blue, with a pure white center. Blooms early and continues all summer..... 5



Ambrosia.

This is a hardy annual which has been known a long time, though it has never been introduced. Its merits are long, spiral stems, covered with beautiful green foliage and seed buds, which are exeeedingly fragrant. It is as desirable as the Rose Geranium as a plant with fragrant foliage, and for making up into bouquets and other floral work its beautiful long spirals of lovely green are unsurpassed. It is one of the easiest plants to grow, and seed can be sown early in the open ground. It takes its popular name, Ambrosia, from the unsurpassed fragrance of its foliage.10

Ageratum.

One of the most useful and profuse-blooming plants known. Its very name, "Ageratum," meaning ever-young, refers to its ever being in bloom and to the long time each flower remains in beauty. A single head of Ageratum will remain fresh and perfect for a month in the open air, and from six weeks to three months in the window or greenhouse, where not exposed to storm and wind. Not even the Petunia will give a greater quantity of bloom or last longer in flower. This makes the Ageratum almost indespensable either in the house or garden. The new dwarf varieties are very bushy and compact in habit, and exactly suited for edging, carpet-bedding, etc. Per pkt.

Little Cem—A beautiful border variety. A sheet of delicate blue flowers the whole season, compact habit..... 5

Little Dorrit—Like the above, but pure white..... 5

Lasseauxi—Charming rose-color. An unusual shade..... 5

Canary—Compact in habit, light canary yellow in color.10

Princess Pauline—A lovely dwarf everbloomer, crowded with flowers every day in the year. As a pot plant it is perfectly charming, and bedded out it flowers profusely from May till killed by frost. Flowers borne in dense clusters, lovely sky blue with a clear white center..... 5

New Hybrids—German novelties of last year. Variety of color and habit, all being extra good.....10

Balsam—Childs' Perfection.

The gigantic flowers, double and perfect like Cammelias, and the wonderful profusion in which they are borne, has been a revelation to thousands who never before knew what really good Balsams were. It is not an uncommon sight to see more than 500 of these magnificent large double blooms upon a plant at one time, the branches being perfect pyramids of bloom. The Balsam is one of the most beautiful and easiest grown of all garden annuals. Seed may be started under glass early or sown in the open ground about corn-planting time. A very rich soil is not necessary, but they like to have plenty of room, at least 18 inches apart each way. It is very hard to raise good Balsam seed, for they are inclined to deteriorate rapidly, and very little good seed is sold. Do not devote time or room to uncertain strains. Per pkt.

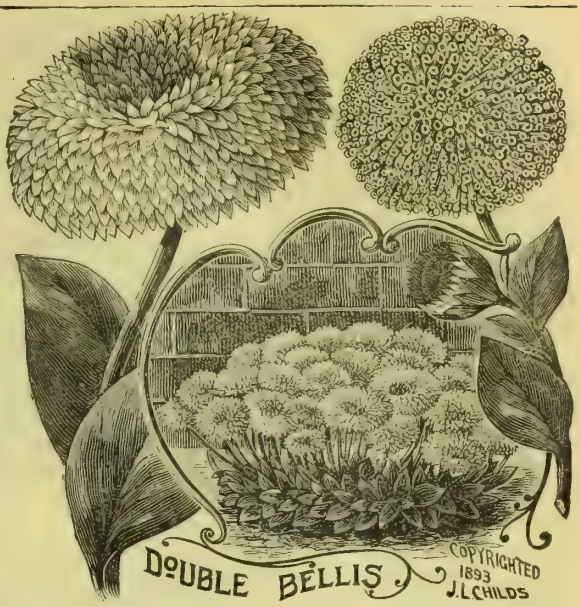
White—Flowers pure snowy white and very large, double and perfect. A great favorite..... 5
Light Pink—An exquisite shade of soft pink like the rosy hue seen in sea shells. Very fine..... 5
Pink—A superb sort; a clear, deep color, beautiful buds... 5
Scarlet—Almost dazzling in brilliancy..... 5
Striped—A clear, frosted white, flaked and striped with rosy purple or scarlet, like a Carnation..... 5
Lavender—Flowers suffused with a soft shade of lavender. 5
Fancy Spotted—Exceedingly showy. This strain shows rare and beautiful shades of coloring almost unknown in other flowers, and all spotted with pure white..... 5
Preferred—Pure white, overlaid by delicate blush or lavender that deepens toward the center of the flower.10
Light Lemon—A fine shade of light sulphur or lemon.....10
Mixed Colors—No finer mixture to be obtained.....10

One packet each of these ten fine Balsams for 40c.

Flowering Beans.—(Climber.)

Flowering Beans are as beautiful as Sweet Peas, and fine as tall luxuriant climbers. Finely scented.

Japanese White or Wistaria Bean—This new flowering Bean is from Japan, and produces its long clusters of fine pure white flowers in the greatest profusion. These flowers so closely resemble the glorious white Wistaria, and are borne in such fine Wistaria-like clusters, that it is most appropriately called the White Wistaria Bean. It is a fine, rapid climber, and just covers itself with flowers, which, in addition to their beauty, are finely scented. New last year.....10
Pink Wistaria—Much like the above but a rich violet, pink and white followed by very ornamental and highly colored dark ebony-red pods. New.....10
Scarlet Runner—Masses of intense scarlet blossoms.....10
Mixed Sorts—Many colors.....10



Bellis.—(Double Daisy.)

Beautiful double flowers that appear in early spring if plants are slightly protected over winter. Blossoms also very early from spring-sown seed, as plants bloom when but two to three inches high. If given a cool, moist, shady location, will bloom all summer, even in the south. As pot plants they are charming and will bloom freely all winter, as they delight in cold weather. In the open ground, cultivated exactly as you would Pansies, and next to the Pansy, it is the most charming little garden flower. Per pkt.

Double, Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose and variegated; very double..... 5
Double, White—Pure color; handsome flower..... 5
Maxima, or Giant Daisy—No amount of praise can be too lavish for this new form of the charming double Daisy, which, next to the Pansy, is our most cherished early spring flower. The flowers are from one to three times larger than the ordinary double Daisy, very perfect and double and of lovely colors, ranging from pure white through blush pink, rose, etc., to deep crimson. Many of the plants produce on one stem a clusters of 13 to 20 blossoms, instead of the usual solitary one. The blossoms are very large, unique and beautiful. Not only do they bloom early in the spring, but continue all through the summer and fall, and also make splendid pot plants for winter blooming, flourishing in cool windows and rooms where few others plants will survive.....10

Carnation, New Marguerite.

A New Strain of Dwarf Perpetual Blooming Carnations which Flower in 3 or 4 Months from Seed.

This is still the great flower-seed novelty of the times, and here is offered the prize strain of seeds. While others have sold seed which produced poor and single flowers, ours has always given at least 90 per cent. of the choicest double blossoms. The plant is of dwarf, compact and pretty habit, branching closely above the ground, with vigorous stalks which need not be supported by sticks. It flowers abundantly in a great variety of colors throughout the year, and the calyx never bursts. But what renders this variety far superior to any other is that the flowers appear in about three months after sowing the seed. Moreover it produces at least 80 per cent. of double flowers, which are large and perfect. The plants grow easy everywhere, both in sandy soil or heavy loam, and will give the greatest satisfaction. Indeed, they signify an improvement on all other Carnations which nobody ever thought of. Think of getting Carnations in flower from seed in about four months, which last throughout the winter, and of various colors, white, pink, scarlet, purple, red, striped, mottled, flaked, variegated, etc. We say without hesitation that it is the most important flower seed novelty in many years. They are alike valuable for pot culture and for garden. Do not sow cheap Marguerite Carnation seed; it will disappoint you. Per pkt.

Mixed Colors—Half dwarf, the finest strain, with large double blossoms, blooming in three months..... 10
Pure White—Extra fine..... 10
Rosea—Fine, clear rose color..... 10
Scarlet—Deep, bright shades..... 10
Purple—A remarkable rich color..... 10
Violet—Fine violet color..... 10
Striped and Variegated—Many colors..... 10
New Dwarf—Plants of dwarf, stout habit, and flowers extra large size and brilliant in colors. See cut above. A greatly improved strain. All colors mixed..... 15
Malmaison—The flowers are simply enormous in size, perfectly double, of a delicate blush color and strong clove fragrance. Growth very stout, with large, luxuriant foliage. No other Carnation can compare with this variety. The packet which we give contains 40 or 50 seeds, all of which will not come true, but if only one plant of Malmaison is secured it is a prize well worth a dollar..... 15

One each of the nine above offered for 60c.

Commelina Sellowiana.

A lovely perpetual flowering trailing plant for the garden in summer, or for pots all the year. Of trailing habit, producing each day large numbers of beautiful blossoms, two inches across, of the most exquisite blue color. The flowers really look like blue butterflies. Blooms in a very short time from seed, and for either garden or pots it is a perfect gem, flowering freely every day all winter and summer.

Blue—Exquisite blue; perfectly lovely..... 5
Rosy Blue—New this year; fine blue tinted rose..... 10

Celosia—(Cockscomb.)

The old Cockscomb of our mothers' gardens, but vastly improved of late years. Its huge combs, from six inches to a foot across, are of the most fiery gorgeous colors, unlike anything else in the floral kingdom. Good specimens are very fine all the late summer and autumn, and our best parks make use of thousands of them for autumn bedding. Start in heat and transplant in open ground after danger of frost is over. As pot plants they are fine. Per pkt.

Dwarf Mixed—A fine mixture of all colors of dwarf habit, but producing enormous heads of bloom 5
American Flag—New this year. Heads beautifully striped, scarlet, pink, white and yellow, giving a most beautiful and brilliant effect..... 10

Candytuft.

This good old annual has been a garden favorite for three hundred years. A fine edging plant, and good for cutting. Sow *very early* in open ground, and keep seed heads picked off for a constant succession of bloom. Per pkt.

All Colors, Mixed—Many fine shades..... 5
Pure White—A favorite for floral work..... 5
Dark Crimson—Good, bright colors..... 5
Tom Thumb—Mixed colors. The ideal Candytuft. Dwarf, bushy plants, growing only 4 to 5 inches high, but bearing most profusely compact spirals of bloom of great beauty. Superb.....10
Little Prince—A beautiful dwarf Candytuft, growing not over 6 inches in height, but spreading out and covering a considerable space, which is for a long season a perfect carpet of snow-white bloom. Fully equal to the grand perennial Candytuft. It is a very fine thing.....10

CANNA.

Canna.

Cannas are now the most popular bedding plants in existence, and certainly among the most striking and beautiful. How could it be otherwise, when in this one plant is combined stately habit and tropical luxuriance, superb foliage and brilliant blossoms, ever increasing in beauty and profusion until the frosts of autumn cut it down? New sorts are constantly produced from seed. Star of '91 and C. Childsi were grown from just such seed as we offer of the famous French hybrid strain, that has been bred up to such a high standard that the individual flowers are the size of Gladiolus blossoms, and borne in great spikes or heads of bloom that make them grand for either summer bedding or greenhouse decoration in winter. Seeds should be filed at one end and soaked for twenty-four hours in hot water before planting. Start early in house, but do not plant out until all danger of frost is over. The bed can scarcely be made too rich and mellow. Give plenty of water, and seedling plants will be in bloom by the middle of July and continue blooming until frosts. Per pkt.

Mixed Sorts—A choice collection of all varieties..... 5
Dark Foliage—Mixed; all dark, beautiful foliage sorts.... 5
Mad. Crozy—A magnificent sort..... 10
Crozy's Dwarf Flowering—Mixed colors. These can be classed among the grandest of all flowering plants. They commence blooming very early from seed and continue all summer, making a display which, for brilliancy, cannot be surpassed.....10
New Hybrids—Choice hand saved seed from the grandest new Hybrid varieties, with artificial fertilization, and will give magnificent results.....20

Campanula—(Perennial).

Beautiful plants, known as Canterbury Bells. Large bell-shaped flowers, very cheerful and attractive. Colors, blue, white, pink, etc. Sow seed in open ground, cover lightly and thin plants to stand twelve inches apart.

Double, Mixed Colors—A fine strain..... 5

Candytuft, Hardy.—(Perennial.)

One of the very best early perennials, extra fine for cemetery use, as the plants are a solid mass of white at just the time when flowers are most scarce, and as the plants are perfectly hardy they need no fussing with. Those who have never grown the Hardy Candytuft have missed a floral treat.

Pruiti—Dwarf, extra early and fine.....10
Sempervirens—Large flowering, pure white..... 5

Chrysanthemum Storm Petrel

This is a hardy perennial, with finely cut, fern-like foliage and dwarf growth. It blooms at all times of the year if kept in pots, and out of doors, until after hard frosts have killed almost everything else. It is a very profuse bloomer, and the pretty, rosette-like flowers are of pure white, very large and double. It blooms early the first year from seed, and makes a fine plant for both summer and winter.....10

Canary Bird Flower—(Climber.)

A dainty vine with beautiful cut leaves and pretty, delicate flowers of a clear canary yellow. From the color of its blossoms, and also from a fancied resemblance of their shape to a bird with wings expanded, the plant obtains its common name. A pretty vine for the window or for a sheltered location out of doors..... 5

Cypress Vine—(Climber.)

One of the prettiest vines imaginable; slender vines, thickly clothed with dark green, feathery foliage of great beauty, and dotted with intensely bright, velvety flowers that shine like little stars against their glossy background of green. Fine for training to small trellises or to run up poles or strings. One of the neatest and most attractive of the Annual Climbers. Mixed colors, white, scarlet, etc..... 5

Clitoria Ternatea.

A splendid perennial shrubby plant which is suitable for pots or the garden, and which blooms freely the first season from seed. Plants grow in a neat bushy form, with handsome foliage and an abundance of large, pendulous blossoms, shaped like a Centrosema, and of a dark, rich indigo blue color. A very fine plant indeed, and one that is perfectly hardy in the open ground, blooming finely year after year. It is also a good plant for window culture, blooming with ease and freedom, and always attractive..... 5

CENTROSEMA GRANDIFLORA.

Centrosema Grandiflora.

(*Climber.*)

This new vine has come to stay. It is easy to grow, quick to bloom, beautiful in flower and leaf, and is a hardy perennial, lasting for years. It will flower the first season from seed, and autumn frosts will find it still in bloom. It is a low, graceful climber, growing only six to eight feet high, which makes it far more suitable for a low trellis or lattice work, or to train around a door or window in summer, than a taller, larger-leaved vine would be, and its masses of large, inverted, pea-shaped blossoms, two inches or more across, and borne in clusters of four to eight flowers together, are very showy and pleasing. Fill a small vase with its dainty, bright flowers and foliage alone, and see how lovely they are for cutting. In color they range from rosy violet and reddish purple, with exquisite feathering or bordering of pure white to pure snow white. The rosy violet shades are the most common, but as the buds and the back of the flowers of the dark varieties are pure white, each vine has the appearance of bearing different colored flowers at once. The winning way in which the flowers look up at one has won them the fanciful name of Look-at-me Vine. Per pkt.

Mixed—All colors.....10

COBÆA SCANDENS.

Cobæa.—(Climber).

One of the finest of all climbers, equally good for out of-doors or for house culture. Pretty foliage and large bell-shaped flowers that open a clear green, but turn to a lovely purplish blue. Plant seed edgewise in moist but not wet soil; cover to prevent evaporation and do not water again unless soil becomes very dry. When seedlings appear water with great moderation until out of the seed leaf.

Scandens—Fine blush purple..... 5

Childs' Cosmos.

A grand fall flower, the only rival to the Dahlia and Chrysanthemum. Sow seed early in the spring and plants will bloom from September to November. In the North, give sheltered position, as severe frosts injure the flowers. Give light, rich soil, and support each plant by tying to a stout, deeply driven stake, as the plants are top heavy in bloom and easily blown over. Each plant will reach a height of from 4 to 6 feet, and a more beautiful object is rarely seen. The feathery dark green foliage forms a filmy setting for the hundreds of graceful, Daisy-like flowers that make each plant like some huge bouquet. The pure white, soft pink and deep crimson shades are exquisite, and for cutting or wearing they have no superior. An extra fine flower for the South as well as for the North. It was first introduced by us ten years ago.

Per pkt.

Childs' Hybrids, Mixed—All colors mixed, white, pink, crimson, rose, purple, etc..... 5

Giant Fancy, Mixed Colors—A new giant-flowered strain of marvelous size and beauty. The individual flowers measure 4, 5 and 6 inches across, and as they are borne on long, graceful stems, the effect is most charming. No description can do justice to the beauty of this new strain. All colors mixed, including some rich dark reds not before seen. The flowers are borne in great profusion and the plants begin blooming early.....10

Monster White-Snowy white flowers of most perfect form, with broad petals, some exquisitely fringed.....10

Monster Red—Enormous size, deep, rich, velvety crimson.10

Monster Pink—Exquisite soft pink; lovely,.....10

Julia E. Lee—It was Miss Julia E. Lee, of New Mexico, who first sent us seed of the Cosmos and enabled us to introduce it to the world, and all will admit that the world owes her much. This new strain, which we have named in her honor, is so early in blooming that seed sown in the open ground at corn-planting time will commence blooming in July and continue until frost. What more need to be said of it? Its flowers are large and fine, and show all the rich and delicate colors (from crimson to white) found among Cosmos.....10

Klondyke—A cross between C. Sulphurea and Childs' Hybrids. It begins blooming very early in summer, and continues in great profusion until late fall, reaching a height of 3 to 4 feet. Flowers rich orange-yellow in color, and 2½ to 3¼ inches across, differing somewhat in shape. It is a novelty in every respect.....10

One pkt. each of the 7 sorts for 50c.

Centaurea Marguerite.

For an early summer garden flower nothing surpasses these superb new Centaureas. Each plant produces scores of flowers which are borne on long, wiry stems, and are exceedingly graceful, while for cutting, for vases, or corsage wearing, no flower can surpass them. Flowers 2 to 3 inches across, of the most lovely texture and superb fragrance. Sow seed in open ground very early; the plants will soon be up and blooming and continue for several months. Their beauty and value may be judged when we say that they are superior in every way to Carnations, not only in beauty and usefulness for cutting, but in fragrance as well. They grow like a weed in any situation.

Per pkt.

Pure White—Perfectly exquisite..... 5

Odorata Purpurea—Fine lilac, contrasting finely..... 5

Chameleon—Fine yellow.....10

Mixed, All Colors..... 5

Imperialis, Mixed Colors—This is a new and greatly improved strain of C. Marguerite. The plant is much larger and more vigorous, with blossoms fully DOUBLE THE SIZE of Marguerite. They possess the same colors and delicious fragrance and long, graceful stems. But this is not all. This new strain, Imperialis, is so strong and vigorous that unfavorable wet and hot weather, which kills plants of the Marguerite, have no effect upon it, and it blooms profusely all the season.....10

Americana Gigantea—A giant-flowering Centaurea, with white blossoms fully 4 inches across. The petals are so constructed as to resemble rich lace-work. Exceedingly handsome 10

Calliopsis.

Golden Wave-A row of this plant is truly a wave of gold, and nothing but its brilliant yellow color can be seen, so numerous are the blossoms. It is of compact growth; flowers very large, exceedingly showy and are produced in great masses all summer. A most showy plant, rivalling in beauty the famous Coreopsis Lanceolata and the Cosmos..... 5

Double Mixed-Fine double blossoms. Very showy..5

Dahlia.

Good Dahlias can be grown from seed, and plants will bloom the first season from the seed. Anyone who can raise a Zinnia or a Morning Glory can grow Dahlias from seed. They are remarkably easy to germinate, and from the very seed leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April will produce flowering plants as soon as plants grown from tubers. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors we have ever seen, were among seedlings. Give good soil and never let the plants suffer for water, and our word for it, you will be more than satisfied. Out of a large paper of seed, no two plants will be alike in flower, while there will be every color represented, from snow-white to blackish maroon. Start seed in house and transplant to open ground after frost is gone.

Double Large-Flowering, Mixed—Will produce some magnificent varieties.....15

Double Pompon, Mixed—Extra choice strain.....10

New Single, Mixed Colors—Flowers very large and of rainbow color. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers.... 5

Gracilis, Mixed Colors—Fine cut foliage and a profusion of brilliantly striped and flecked single blossoms.....10

Cactus—A new class of broad-petaled double flowers, esteemed by many the finest of all. Very distinct and extra for cutting.....20

Imperialis—The "Lily Dahlia," the most beautiful of all Dahlias. It grows 10 to 12 feet high, and bears panicles of elegant Lily-like flowers measuring 8 inches from tip to tip of petals. The color is a very delicate mauve, almost white, veined with old pink around the orange-yellow center.....10

Diamond Flower.

A dainty little annual with tufts of tiny foliage and beautiful little white and violet-blue flowers that bloom within a month from the time seed is sown. It will grow in the open ground, over rock-work or in pots, never exceeding three inches in height, and rarely two. The tiny flowers have a glistening sheen that has given them their name of Diamond Flower, and being surmounted by a wreath of bright green foliage, they show to a wonderful advantage. For pot culture in winter it is just superb. Sprinkle a few seeds in a small pot or saucer, or in pots where plants are growing, and within a month you will have the most charming mat of foliage and flowers—covering the surface of the soil like moss—that you ever saw. In the garden it will grow and seed all summer, covering the ground with a perfect carpet of beauty.....10

Datura.

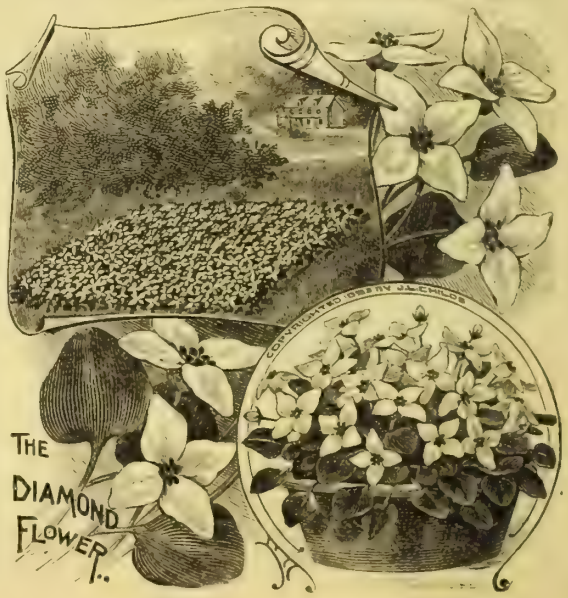
This is a majestic garden plant which is easily grown, and which furnishes an abundance of magnificent large blossoms. It has a very tropical appearance. Per pkt.

Sweet Nightingale—One of the finest garden flowers. Plants rapid and bushy growers, crowned with great Lily-like blossoms a foot in length, like an enormous trumpet, white as snow and deliciously scented. It is a fine plant for the center of a bed of evening bloomers or to use at the base of a rockery. One plant in bloom will scent up a whole garden or lawn 10

Cornucopia—Much like the double Brugmansia, except it is more dwarf in habit, and a fine lilac and white color. Blooms in two or three months from seed, and is a superb flower for the garden, or as a pot plant both summer and winter. Flowers like great trumpets; quite double and of fine fragrance.....10

Golden Queen—A magnificent sort, with an immense trumpet-shaped double bloom of a creamy yellow color. It is dwarf, stout growth, with fine foliage and the great blossoms, which are a foot or more in length, show to wonderful advantage. New and very fine.....10

Mixed Colors—Many fine sorts, both double and single...10



DIANTHUS.

Dianthus.

An indispensable garden flower and one fitted equally to adorn the poor man's garden or the spacious grounds of the millionaire. Never out of place in any situation. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold and is as iron-clad as a plant can well be. Like their near relative, the Carnation, the Dianthus is superlatively beautiful, many varieties possessing a radiant-like fire that is impossible to describe, but it is the very acme of richness and beauty. A grand flower for cutting or flower work, and succeeds well in pots for winter bloom if treated like Carnations. Sow early either in house or open ground, and plants will not only bloom all summer and fall, but will survive the winter, and bloom the next season. Never sow any but the best seed of Dianthus, if you would have the choicest flowers. Grows about one foot in height, branching freely, and is always strong and erect. Per pkt.

Diadematus, flora plena—Splendid double flowers of the richest, darkest shades, fringed, mottled, striped, spotted, flaked, margined, etc., in a most odd and beautiful manner.....10

Double White—Finest for contrast.....10

Eastern Queen—Grand flowers 3 or 4 inches across, beautifully striped and shaded, and having colors which are like the richest silks..... 5

Mourning Cloak—A rich variety of most unique coloring. Large, double flowers of a velvety purplish black, each petal tipped and fringed with snow white.....10

Crimson Bell—Immense flowers of a rich crimson red. A grand flower of the single Heddewiggi type, and a beautiful companion to Easter Queen and The Bride.. 5

Imperialis—Double Imperial Pinks. Robust, bushy growers, bearing great quantities of large, double flowers of rich, glowing colors..... 5

Brilliant—A dwarf grower with numerous double flowers of dark, rich red, as large and fine as Carnations. A beautiful variety, and comes true from seed..... 5

The Bride—Clear, pure white, with a radiant, glowing crimson center, shading into a pink band..... 5

Royal Pinks—A new strain of large single-flowered Dianthus offered in Europe last year. The blossoms are remarkable for their deep, rich coloring and variegations, all being elegantly fringed and fimbriated. One of the best flower seed novelties in a long time. All colors mixed.....10

Mixed—Our own mixture of the most beautiful double and single sorts, and of every desirable shade or peculiar marking. This will give a bed of beautiful flowers and scarcely two plants will be alike.....10

Delphinium.—(Perennial.)

One of the choicest perennials known, and increases in beauty each year. Tall, stately growing, with immense spikes of the most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, pale, medium and deep, dark blues. Sow seed in autumn or very early in spring, and plants will bloom the first summer. Very hardy. Give half shade.

Mixed Colors—All sorts..... 5

New Annual Delphinium.

Blue Butterfly—A great novelty, being a pure Annual Delhpinium with the same large and handsome blossoms of the perennial. Seed sown in garden in May will give blooming plants by July, which are of dwarf branching habit, producing the large exquisite blue blossoms in profusion. A splendid pot plant and grand for bouquets. Finest blue flower we have and the most valuable seed novelty of last year.....,10

Feverfew.

Fine border plants that are always in flower. They bloom quickly from seed, and are extra good for cutting. They also make fine plants for winter blooming in pots. Flowers large and double like Roses, and very profusely borne at all times of the year. Habit, dwarf and compact, making them very desirable either for garden or pots.

Little Belle—Fine snow white, very dwarf. 5
Little Fred—Pure golden yellow, very dwarf 5
Capensis, fl. pl.—The fine old double white Feverfew..... 5
Eximia Grandiflora—Flowers enormous in size, as double as Roses, and pure snow white. A most superb pot plant, blooming all the year round.....10
Golden Feather—Beautiful yellow foliage..... 5

Gaillardia Perfection.

These are aptly called the Chrysanthemum Gaillardias, owing to their great size, brilliant colors and double and perfect blossoms. Flowers are of enormous size, perfectly double, and borne in great profusion all summer, while the colors and variegations are the most brilliant and beautiful imaginable, scarlet, red, orange, purple, lemon, buff, etc. As pot plants they are also exquisite. Start seed early.....10

Everlasting Flowers.

These are flowers which never fade. They are unsurpassed for winter decorations and may be made up into bouquets, baskets, vases, etc. They last for years by being cut and dried when in bud and blossom. Per pkt.

AMMOBIUM ALATUM—A very useful everlasting. Plant robust and great bloomer. Flowers pure white and double. Dry as recommended for Acroclinium, and be sure to cut plenty of buds, as they dry beautifully 5
ACROCLINIUM—Probably the most beautiful everlasting known. Flowers pure pearly white, or an exquisite soft clear shade of pink, with bright golden center. Cut the first day they open or the center becomes discolored. Hang the bunches, heads downward, in the shade to dry, and the flowers will appear as perfect as when gathered... 5
HELICHRYSUM—One of the most beautiful of all everlastings. Plants grow two feet high, and are very hardy, blooming until late in autumn. An easy plant to grow, and flowers are very bright. The white and light colored varieties color easily, and are often dyed in shades not otherwise obtainable in everlastings, and used in wreaths, crosses, and winter bouquets. Flowers should be picked before fully expanded, especially for dyeing.
Monstrosum—Mixed colors, very large..... 5
Dwarf—Mixed colors, compact and free flowering..... 5
COMPHRENA—Remove cottony covering from seeds, and start in heat, if possible. Good for garden, and make neat pot plants. Plants bear great quantities of clove-like blooms, altogether different in appearance from any other everlasting, and very attractive buds as well as full-blown flowers; extra fine for winter bouquets. Mixed colors.... 5
RHODANTHE—A fine everlasting, good for the garden, and a pretty pot plant. The most delicate and graceful of this delicate class. Try it by all means and cut blooms early for drying. Bright pink and white, mixed. . 5
XERANTHEMUM—An easily grown everlasting, and furnishes the only shades of blue and purple to be found in this class..... 5
ORNAMENTAL GRASSES—Annual varieties mixed. Fine with Everlastings for winter bouquets. Grow a good quantity of these elegant grasses. There are many of them quite ornamental in the garden and are all useful for cutting for summer bouquets, as well as for drying for winter or for dyeing 5

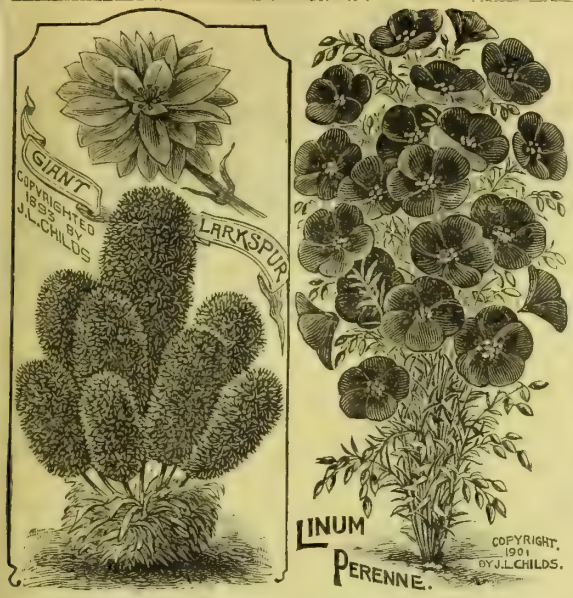
One pkt. each above 8 Everlastings and Grasses for 25c.

Digitalis.

(*Perennial.*)

One of our special favorites. This, with the double Hollyhocks, and the Delphinium, form a stately trio of tall-growing plants of which nothing finer can be chosen for backgrounds, center of wide borders, interspersing with shrubbery, etc. If plants are not allowed to seed, they are crowned for months by long pyramidal spikes of lovely pendant thimble-shaped bells, snow white, rosy blush, or exquisitely shaded or spotted. The blooms are nearly or quite two inches in length, and lap each other with the utmost regularity.

Gloxinoides Grandiflora—A strain with large, beautiful Gloxinia-like blossoms. 5



Linum Perenne.—(Perennial.)

We will not attempt to convey to our readers an impression of its great beauty; this they can never know until they see it, but will say that it is a hardy perennial, sending up numerous stems which send out long, wiry branches, which are clothed with a growth of small, almost hair-like foliage. At the tips of the branches are poised large, salver-shaped blossoms, borne with such airy grace that they appear to be floating in the air. The effect is charming. Mixed colors.10

Larkspur.

An old-fashioned, but none the less valuable annual, with large, compact spikes of showy flowers, in shades of white, pink, red, blue, etc. Sow early in open ground.

Hyacinth-Flowered—Great Hyacinth-like spikes of large double flowers. Mixed colors..... 5

Myosotis.

The beautiful Forget-me-not is a synonym for faithfulness and undying affection. Beautiful for shady nooks and quiet beds, and exquisite for cutting and for wearing. Like the Pansy there is something almost human in the expression of these modest little flowers, that look you frankly in the eyes as though they had something to tell you. Though perennials, they bloom the first season. Fine for pot culture in a shady window where few plants will bloom.

Palustrus—Elegant blue flowers of large size..... 5
Alpestris—Pure white..... 5
Dwarf, Mixed Colors—Bushy growth, large blossoms..... 5
Triumph—This is a splendid new large-flowering sort which will bloom in 6 to 8 weeks from seed.....10

Mignonette.

Mignonette is the French word for "little darling." No more expressive word could well be found for the sweet, homely flower that by its merits alone has won its way as the favorite of all, though hundreds of showier flowers were its rivals. No garden is complete without its plot of Mignonette, no nosegay finished without its sprig of this sweet-smelling flower. We pride ourselves on our choice strains of this favorite flower, and believe no finer seed can be procured anywhere. Sow early in the ground for summer blooming, and in pots any time for the window. Per pkt.

Common Sweet—The old small-flowered variety; very sweet. Per oz., 20c..... 5

Collath—Beyond all question the finest variety of Mignonette yet introduced. It has a compact growth with rich green foliage. Flower stalks strong and stiff with giant trusses of flowers, reaching in the open ground a length of 7 inches and a diameter of more than 2 inches. The single flowers, measure up to ½ inch in diameter; the color is the richest yet seen, being a deep brick-red, much deeper and better than any other so called red-flowering variety. In every respect the finest Mignonette ever grown.....10

Giant White Spiral—First introduced by us several years ago. Very distinct from all other sorts; rank, luxuriant foliage, deeply cut and decidedly ornamental. Each plant bears great quantities of large, snow-white spikes, that are very pretty for cutting and for small bouquets. Grows and blooms in any situation,..... 5

Machet—One of the finest. Plants bushy and a profuse bloomer, with extra large spikes of a pretty brick-red color; exceedingly fragrant. Much inferior seed of this variety is on the market. Ours is strictly pure.....10

Improved Victoria—This new Mignonette is one of the most desirable novelties we have seen for a long time. It grows only six to twelve inches in height and is sure to put every lover of flowers in ecstasy by its perfectly regular, pyramidal habit and the beautifully formed spikes of the prettiest red Mignonette flowers ever seen. We consider this the finest of all Mignonette, either for the garden or for pot culture. Its large compact spikes are exceedingly fragrant, seeming to surpass in this respect all other varieties. It is a robust and healthy grower and succeeds well even in dry soil and hot sun, where most Mignonette fail.....10

New Mixed Sorts—A fine mixture of a lot of new large-flowering sorts, representing a range of shades, varying from brown-red to yellow. A most magnificent mixture and will give a varied and beautiful bed..... 5

SPECIAL OFFER—*One pkt. each of the above 6 sorts for 25c.*

Hollyhock.—(Perennial).

One of the finest of all perennials, and unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, center of wide borders, etc. Plants grow from four to six feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes of large, rosette-like flowers of every shade and color, from pure white to almost black. The yellow, magenta, rose and black are intensely pure and deep, while the pure white, pale lemon, soft pink and lavender shades are exquisitely soft and delicate. The pearly blooms of the pure white Hollyhock are as fine for all floral work as the most double Rose or Camellia. If seeds are started very early, plants often bloom the next September.

Double White—Pure and true.....10
" **Magenta**—Fine bright color.....10
" **Lemon**—Pure, bright lemon color.....10
" **Pink**—Very delicate and pretty.....10
" **Black**—Rich chocolate-black.....10
Double, Mixed Colors—Very choice, embracing over twenty different shades.....10
Mammoth Allegheny—Flowers 4 to 6 inches across, finely fringed and curled, and of such exquisite shading as to resemble crushed silk. Colors, pink, red, rose, shaded, tinted, bordered, etc., all mixed.....10

Lobelia.

Charming little plants for small beds, edgings, baskets, etc. Graceful and pretty, and colors exceedingly clear. A most charming pot plant for window culture, blooming in four weeks and making the prettiest little pot flowers.

Crystal Palace Dark blue, best for bedding.....5
New Double Dwarf, Mixed Colors—A lovely dwarf, compact sort, bearing hundreds of beautiful double blossoms of various colors.....10
Royal Purple—Extra fine, with dark stalks and large, deep blue flowers, having distinct white eye.....5
Goldelse—A compact, low-growing variety, the foliage of which is golden-yellow, and is most charmingly set off by the hundreds of blossoms which the plant carries of the brightest, deepest blue, with a pure white eye. We have never seen in one plant a more charming contrast between flowers and foliage than is shown in this most superb novelty.....10

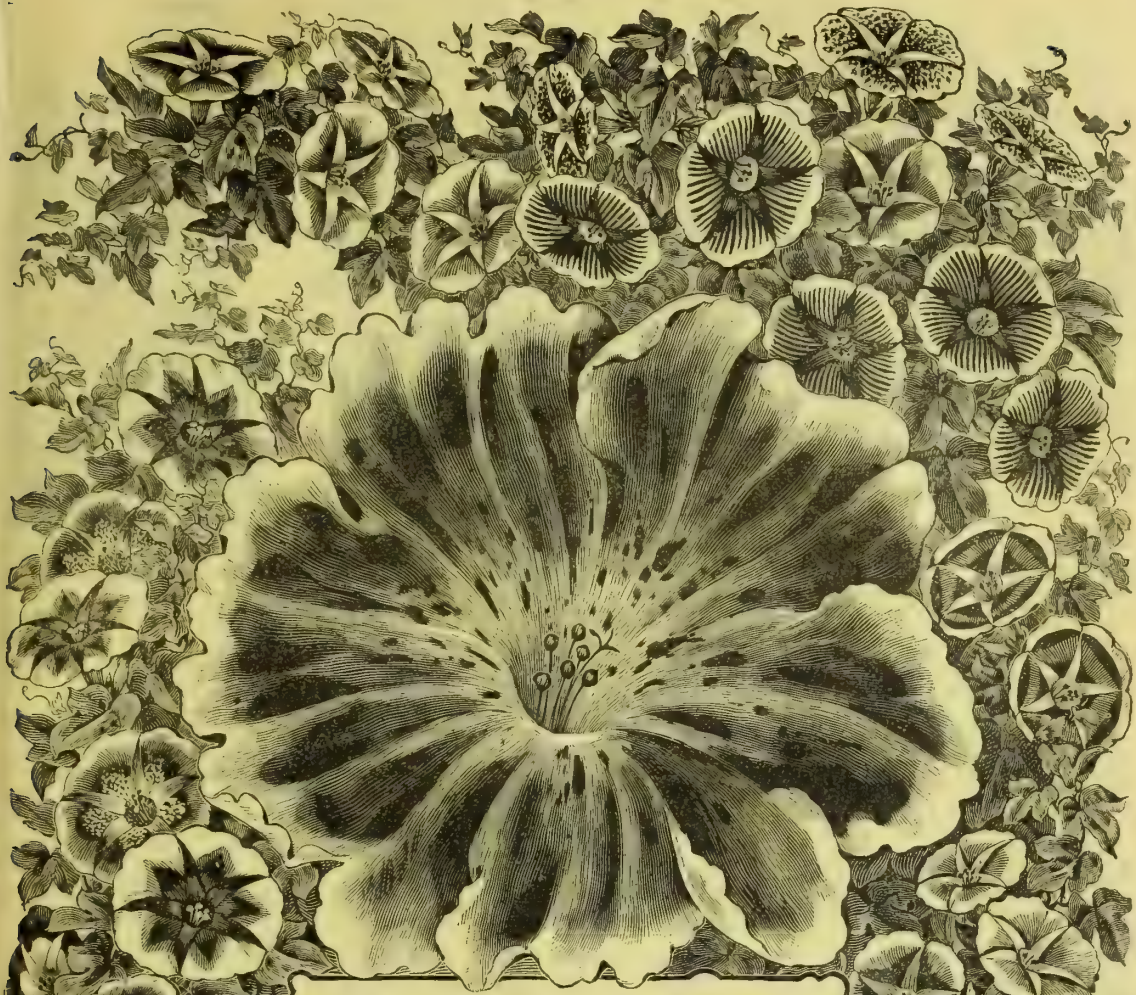
Gourds.—(Climber).

Well-known climbers, with the most fantastic and grotesque fruit imaginable. Fine for covering sheds, training over fences or bush piles, and always sure to attract the attention of the children, who love to play with pretty striped and oddly crooked fruits. Keep perfect for years.

Mixed Sorts—All sizes, shapes and colors.....10
Nest Egg, Improved—A striking vine when hanging full of its pretty, curious fruit, that so closely resembles smooth, well-shaped hens' eggs that a hen might well be excused for claiming them as her own production. As the shells become very tough and hard they do not crack or burst open in freezing weather, and are thus very useful for nest eggs. Very ornamental as well....10
Dipper—Another useful Gourd, that, as the fruit is light and strong and does not rust or rot or heat easily, is just right to use in dipping hot liquids, soap, etc., besides being useful for birds' nests, fancy hanging baskets, etc.....5
Sugar Trough—Enormous hard-shelled fruit, holding from three to ten gallons each, and as they never rust or rot, and are very light and strong, are just right to use as receptacles for lard, salt, seed, corn, soap, etc., or to use as nesting boxes, buckets, etc. They last for years.....5
Fragrant—Oval round fruits 2 to 3 inches long, and nearly as thick through. Pretty striped or mottled shells, the inside filled with musk melon-like flesh and seeds. One fruit will perfume a room with the most delicious odor.10
Early Luffa—Seed sown in the open ground in any Northern State or Canada, like Cucumbers, will bear and ripen an abundance of fruit before frost. The lace-like net-work of fibre which forms inside the fruits is a very useful article, and is used for various purposes, such as dish-rags, sponges, and even for bonnets and other millinery work. The flowers of this variety are also very numerous, large and showy.....10

Lobelia, Pumila Splendens.

A great novelty. This Lobelia stands our hot, dry climate, and blooms perfectly all summer, when others fail. It is a perfectly exquisite plant, dwarf, compact, rich, deep blue, with white center. Fine also for pots.....5



Japan Morning Glories.

CHILDS' GIANT IMPERIAL (Climber.)

A new strain with gigantic blooms as large as Moon-flowers, colors, markings, and variegations never before seen, and of indescribable beauty. Seed germinates quickly, and the vines grow rapidly and are soon in bloom. The flowers are borne by the hundreds, are of enormous size, five or six inches across, and of the most delicate, vivid and blending colors to be seen in any flower. Some will be pure white, others crimson, brick-red, light and dark blues, pinks, etc., while others show a rich and varied combination of colors blended together in a most enchanting way; spotted, blotched, striped, stained, penciled, bordered, mottled and variegated in every conceivable manner. To add to their beauty the leaves of many of the varieties are richly marbled and variegated white and green. Nothing among flowers can furnish a more beautiful sight than a screen, hedge, or trellis of these Giant Morning Glories. To secure the beautiful varieties which we here offer, our agent traveled in Japan, from garden to garden, collecting a little seed from each one, as the best cannot be bought in quantity, and is not to be compared with any Japanese Morning Glory seed which may be put upon the market.

Mixed, All Colors—More than 100 kinds (Oz. 50c.).....15

Ceres—Extra fine. Bright magenta, with wide white border. Foliage variegated.....10

Aurata—Elegant yellowish foliage, often marbled white; flowers of various colors. Perfectly exquisite.10

Antigone—Marbled foliage, large sky-blue blossoms..10

Double Mixed Colors—Many plants from this seed will produce double blossoms.....20

Fuchsia-Flowered—A perfect gem of a vine, being of very slender graceful growth, with beautiful foliage and climbing rapidly to a good height. Its lovely blossoms are about the size of a Fuchsia and droop in the same manner, hanging by long thread-like stems. Color fine lilac-pink.....10

One packet each of the 6 sorts for 60c.

JAPANESE MORNING GLORIES.

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Marigold.

Petted by our grandmothers, neglected by our mothers, now once more on the high wave of popularity. Bright, showy flowers, that only need the slightest care to do well and blossom freely. Per pkt.

French, Mixed Colors—Double flowers; rich, dark shade. 5

Dahlia Flowered—Very rank and tall, studded with enormous double Dahlia-like flowers. The colors range from the palest canary-yellow to a deep, full orange... 5

Legion of Honor—A most sterling variety. Plant very dwarf and compact, bearing its flowers well above the foliage. These are of large size, and exceedingly striking, owing to the wide contrast in their colors. The center of the flower is a bright brownish red, while the outer half is fine golden yellow. It is really the prettiest Marigold we have ever seen, and should be in every garden. It blooms profusely all summer, and in autumn especially, the whole plant is a solid pyramid of bloom.. 5

Mimulus.

Beautiful little plants with the daintiest and prettiest flowers imaginable. Will not succeed in hot sun, but is just the plant for cool, shady beds, or for baskets or pots in poorly lighted windows. Seeds fine and need care in sowing. Great favorites with those who have once grown them. In exquisite coloring these flowers rival the Gloxinia.

Mixed Sorts—All colors (MONKEY FLOWER)..... 5

Moschatus—(MUSK PLANT). Well known for its fine musky fragrance... 5

Double Mixed—Double flowers; splendidly spotted.....10

Tigrinus Grandiflorus—Flowers size of a Petunia, and of very bright and striking colors; all spotted, tigered and variegated in a most charming manner.....10

Nicotiana.

Fine for separate clumps or masses, or for the center of beds of evening bloomers. One of the easiest of all plants to grow, and equally fine for outdoor culture or for winter blooming in pots. Its long, tubular, star-pointed flowers are pure white, exceedingly fragrant and very profusely borne. It is one of the few plants that will flower well without a single ray of direct sunshine, and, for shaded grounds and north windows it is invaluable. Per pkt.

Affinis—Three feet high, with hundreds of fragrant blossoms borne for months without intermission..... 5

Sylvestris—We regret that space does not permit us to show a large cut of this beautiful plant. It is a magnificent garden ornament, growing five feet high, with large, handsome leaves, making it a grand foliage plant. It also bears large, branching panicles of long, tubular, white flowers, which are very handsome and fragrant, each panicle showing as many as 50 flowers at a time. For ornamental bedding it is great, and has attracted great attention here at Floral Park. Seed may be started early inside or sown directly in the open ground. The best results will come from an early start 10

Nasturtium.

If we were asked to name the six best annuals, the Nasturtium would be one of them. They are so easy to grow that a six-year-old child could plant them and care for them, and they have every good quality of a bedding plant—compact habit, attractive foliage, intensely bright and beautiful flowers, borne profusely the whole season, not troubled by insects, and standing dry weather well. Do not let seed form, and plant on thin soil. Per pkt.

Lady Bird—A beautiful bright yellow, stained and blotched with deep crimson..... 5

Empress of India—A fine variety with dark purplish foliage and very dark, rich crimson flowers. Grand for edging or ribbon beds, as its color is so noticeable.....10

King Theodore—Darkest of all, almost black in color..... 5

Golden King—One of the loveliest shades of yellow..... 5

Coccinea—Bright, flashing scarlet..... 5

Pearl—The nearest white. Good for contrast..... 5

Rose—A lovely soft shade of rose..... 5

Spotted—Gorgeous in colors and marking..... 5

Beauty—Deep yellow, marked with bright scarlet..... 5

Crystal Palace Gem—Sulphur, marked maroon..... 5

King of Tom Thumbs—Deep, velvety scarlet, with handsome dark foliage. Very fine..... 5

Ruby King—An elegant new sort, with flowers of large size and a rich ruby color. A grand sort.....10

Cloth of Gold—Leaves of a clear, bright yellow, while the beautiful flowers are a fine scarlet. It is a superb bedding plant of compact habit, forming a plant which is a dense mass of foliage and bloom at all times.....10

One packet each of above 13 for 50c.

Tom Thumb, Fine Mixed—Per oz., 20c; per lb., $1.50..... 5

Giant-Flowered Tom Thumb, Mixed—The blossoms are simply enormous in size, and there is a marvelous range of colors and an infinite variety of new shades. Clear golden-yellow, salmon-pink, dark red, golden-brown, all shades of yellow variegated with red and brown, canary color, terra cotta, orange and black, with all combinations, making a most brilliant showing. Some of the combinations of color are quite indescribable. The plants are dwarf and compact in habit, with large, luxuriant foliage, and bloom with wonderful profusion all summer long. For pot culture, especially for winter blooming, they are superb, and rival in beauty the choicest plants in any collection. Planted at any time during winter or spring they will bloom in a few weeks, and are certainly unsurpassed for window plants. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. 20c.

Climbing Nasturtiums.

Climbing Nasturtiums can be used as bedders by pegging the long shoots to the ground, as low climbers for window or screen, or used as house-climbers in winter. They are never molested by insects, and are quick, clean growers that soon cover themselves with flowers of the brightest, richest colors. Everyone likes them who tries them. They withstand heat and drouth well. Per pkt.

Mixed, All Colors—Very fine. Oz., 20c..... 5

Lobbianum, or Oriole—Mixed colors; many shades, and all with fine fimbricated petals. Colors intense and very striking. Elegant window climber..... 5

Mad. Gunthert Hybrids—A new strain of large-flowered, elegantly blotched and marked sorts. More than twenty different colors and shades appear among them. All of new and peculiar beauty. Splendid rapid growers, and fine foliage.....10

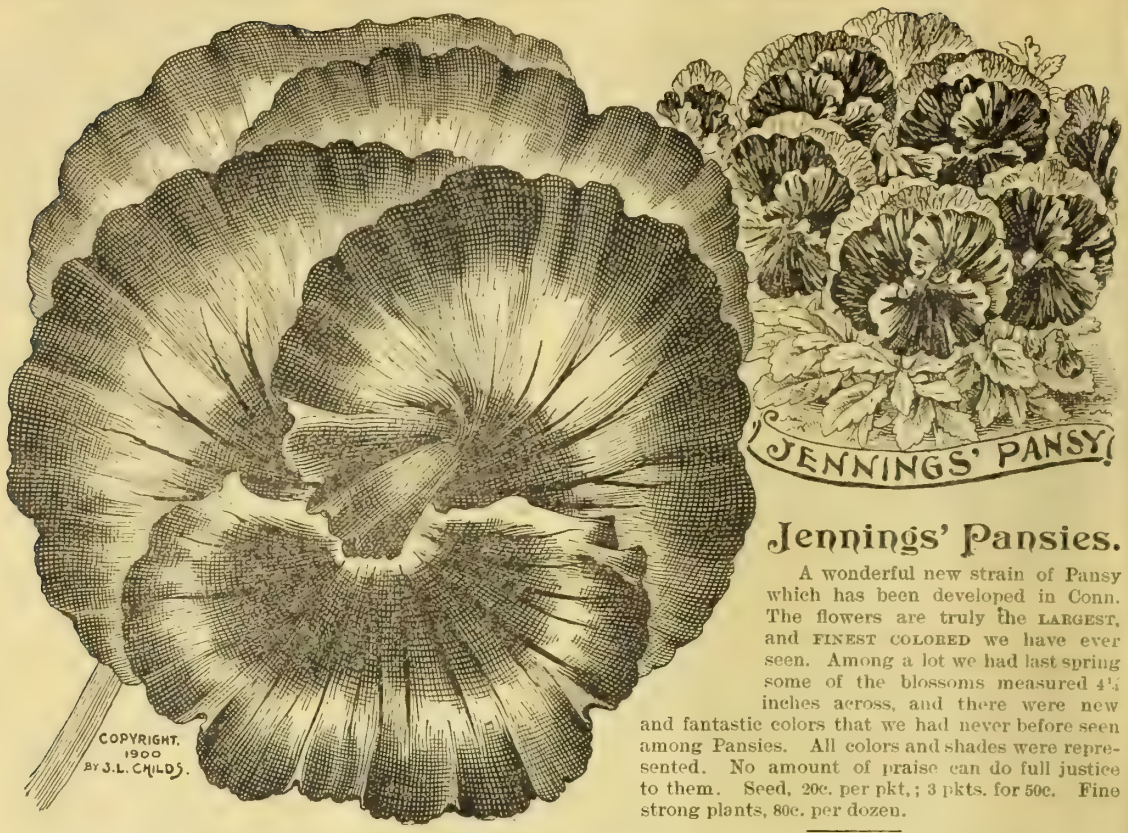
Golden Climber—A splendid climbing Nasturtium, with beautiful golden colored leaves and brilliant scarlet blossoms. It makes a vine, either for the garden or window, which is of the most striking oddity and beauty and will attract the widest attention. The bright colored blossoms mingled with the charming light yellow leaves, produce a pretty effect.....10

"Caprice" Nasturtiums.

Lovely new sorts, both climbing and dwarf, and which bear flowers of various colors on same plant.

Climbing Caprice—This lovely Nasturtium is a climber, and bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated. Splendid for windows or verandas.....10

Dwarf Caprice—Like the climbing variety, except it is dwarf. It bears large blossoms in abundance, some of which will be yellow, some crimson, some rose, and others beautifully mottled and variegated.....10



Jennings' Pansies.

A wonderful new strain of Pansy which has been developed in Conn. The flowers are truly the LARGEST, and FINEST COLORED we have ever seen. Among a lot we had last spring some of the blossoms measured 4½ inches across, and there were new and fantastic colors that we had never before seen among Pansies. All colors and shades were represented. No amount of praise can do full justice to them. Seed, 20c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 50c. Fine strong plants, 80c. per dozen.

Childs' Grand Pansies.

A universal favorite with young and old. Every child sees the face in the Pansy, and, aside from its great beauty, we all treasure it as the symbol of modest worth and true affection. The smallest yard must have its Pansies. Not poor, forlorn plants, struggling unaided with heat and drouth and hard-baked ground, though even there yielding us handfuls of cheery bloom; but, rather, strong, vigorous plants, rioting in the cool, deep mellow beds they love, made rich with fertilizers, kept free from weeds and shaded from the hot afternoon sun. In such a bed one may gather great velvety Pansies by the hundreds,—flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of the earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location, and abundant water. Sow seed early in house or in open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, for late autumn and fall bloom, or in August and September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall-sown seed have the bed moist and kept shady by boards or papers until the plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter if protected by a few evergreen boughs, or other light covering. Do not let the plants seed if you wish to keep them in bloom freely all the time. Poor Pansy seed is dear at any price.

Our Pansy seed is the very choicest product of Europe, and the various strains and distinct varieties we offer are the best known to cultivation.

General Collection of Pansies.

Large-Flowering, Choice Mixed Colors—A superb strain of choice large-flowering types, including all colors. Will give great satisfaction. Is surpassed only by our Giant Excelsior and Imperial German. 5

Trimardeau Giant, Mixed Colors—These are famous for their extraordinary size, though the form is not so perfect as the Imperial Germans. A fine range of choice colors 5

Cassier's Giant Odier—Seed saved only from selected flowers of the very largest size and most beautiful blotchings. A very distinct strain..... 5

Bugnot's Superb Mixed—Needs no praise, for it is already famous as the best selection of a noted Pansy fancier. Flowers extraordinary in size and coloring.....10

Snow Queen—A perfect beauty, being a pure snow-white which always comes true from seed. A great bloomer. 5

Yellow Bird—Very large flowers of a pure bright yellow color. A fine bedder..... 5

Fire King—Fiery yellow and reddish purple, rich and unique coloring..... 5

Silver-Edged—Dark, rich velvety purple, with distinct white edge. Lovely for cutting and for funeral work... 5

Black Giant-Flowered—A new black Pansy of the largest size; a rich coal black; very fine and striking.....10

Cardinal—Deep scarlet, the brightest color in Pansies, and one that comes pretty true from seed.....10

Peacock—A Pansy of superb and varied colors, most of them showing that glorious and luminous bronze-blue seen only in peacock feathers. It is a finely colored strain and cannot be too highly praised.....10

Freya—Another exceedingly fine European novelty of last year. Flowers large, deep velvety purple, shaded blue and scarlet, with a beautiful white rim. A characteristic of this bloom is that the back is distinctly marked like the front, which gives it a conspicuously full flowering appearance. It is a richly colored variety.....10

Bismarck—SUMMER GIANT—A new strain of Pansy found in a remote part of Italy, where the Margaret Carnation was discovered a few years ago. Having been developed in a warm climate, its flowers, through the summer, continue to be very large and fine, almost equal to those of early spring. It stands heat and drought remarkably and produces its blossoms on long stems and in endless profusion. The colors are numerous and varied, covering all shades, and some of the combinations are very unique indeed. Blossoms large and quite distinct in shape, being more oblong than round. This new strain possesses so many admirable points, and those which will make it valuable in this country, that it is sure to become a great favorite.....10

Ruby-Red—The richest colored Pansy yet introduced, and comes quite true from seed. Flowers large and of a rich dark ruby-red, and having a texture almost like velvet. The depth and richness of color will vary in different plants, but all will be grand.....10

Fairy Queen—As a bedder, or as a solitary plant, this is a remarkably effective new Pansy. Size very large, color pure sky-blue, splendidly bordered with white, producing a distinct effect and a delicacy of color combinations which is rare. This is by all odds one of the most pleasing colors we have ever seen in Pansies, and its large size and perfect shape makes it perfect....10

One packet each of the fifteen sorts for 75c.

Childs' Imperial German Pansies.

Introduced by us several years ago, and now the leading favorite throughout the world. Many inferior stocks have been placed on the market under the name, but, as the introducers, we may be depended upon to furnish the true variety. Large flowers of the finest coloring; stout, robust, bushy growth, withstanding the heat and producing fine large flowers during the entire summer. Flowers of great substance and beauty.

Gloriosa Perfecta—An indescribably lovely flower; a reddish steel-blue, with distinct red and white rim.....10
Snow Fairy—Grand snow-white blossoms, profusely borne. Fine for cemeteries.....10
Black Knight—A large Pansy of inky blackness.....10
Thunder Cloud—Another grand Pansy of most unusual markings; large, coal-black flowers, each with red and white rim. Extra fine.....10
Azure Blue—A clear, lovely shade, very fine for bedding..10
Emperor William—Elegant deep blue, very useful for bouquet making.....10
Little Red Riding Hood—A good advance toward the bright red Pansy of the future. A rich reddish color, some of them very brilliant and showy. Only a portion of the seeds come true to character.....10
Deep Yellow—A fine color for bedding.....10
Odier, or Five-Spotted, Mixed—Beautifully spotted flowers. A peculiar variety.....10
Large Spotted, Mixed—On white, yellow and reddish grounds. Very fine.....10
Lord Beaconsfield—True. Flowers of great substance and size, shading from deep indigo at the center to the palest azure blue at the edge of the upper petals. Unlike any other Pansy, and extra fine for cutting.....10
Marbled—Beautifully marbled, various shades.....10
Striped—Very showy and striking flowers, distinctly striped and shaded.....10
Bronze Perfecta—A unique color, hard to describe. Exquisite to combine with the deep blue and purple Pansies in cut-flower work.....10
Mixed Seed Of more than fifty distinct shades of Imperial German, including those described above.....10

One packet each of the above fifteen Imperial Germans, for $1.00.

Childs' Giant Excelsior Pansies.

It is impossible to do justice to these lovely flowers in a printed description. Cold type cannot convey an idea of the indescribable richness, the varied and exquisite coloring, the large size, perfect form and great substance of the blossoms. Plants are compact and bushy, and produce great quantities of flowers, borne well above the foliage, on strong stems. Owing to their vigor this strain withstands the hot and dry weather better than any other variety, and produces its great, beautiful blossoms in profusion all summer. Over a hundred different shades and combinations of colors have been counted in one bed of this strain. (3 pkts., 50c.).....20

Childs' Superfine Pansy.

The Pansy is our leading specialty in seeds, and testimonials show that for years we have sold the finest Pansy seed that has been sold in this country. As the introducers of the Imperial German and Giant Excelsior, we have had the finest strains of these, the best of all Pansies; Childs' Superfine is merely a careful selection from them. The plants which show the greatest vigor and perfection in growth and beauty in size and shape of flowers, are selected for seed. They are carefully cultivated and the seeds saved only from a few of the largest and most perfect flowers of the finest colors. We grow it in Northern Germany, where the Pansy attains the greatest perfection, and we can emphatically say that this is the finest Pansy seed ever offered in the world; the very best that can be grown or had at any price. Per pkt. of 25 seeds, 30c.

Violet-Pansy Papilio.

A decided novelty, and a cross between the Pansy and Violet. The flowers are Violet-shaped, large, and borne in endless profusion, a plant showing from 20 to 40 blossoms every day from spring until late fall. Color, a lovely violet-lilac, in some plants darker than others, with a dark eye. For bedding purposes this new Violet Pansy is one of the best we have seen in a long time.....5

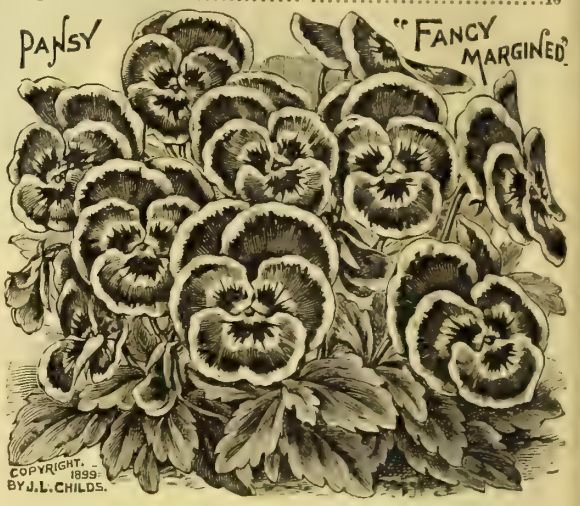
PANSY, MASTERPIECE — One of the greatest novelties in Pansies. Their chief difference from all other Pansies consists in the novel and beautiful form of the flower, the border of every petal being conspicuously curled and fluted. This characteristic appears in nearly every flower the size of which is extremely large. The plants are exceptionally free flowering, vigorous, strong and hardy, and the numerous blossoms large and showy during the entire spring, summer and autumn. The tints and colors are also wonderful, varying through all shades, and there are many striking and unique combinations, especially among the fringed varieties.....20

Fancy Striped Pansies.

These are real gems of fantastic coloring. A strain made up of various colors, all elegantly and grotesquely striped and variegated. These Pansies will be greatly admired for their odd and beautiful and distinct stripes...10

Fancy Scarlet and Red Pansies.

This is a mixture of all the new colors in scarlet and red which have been recently introduced, such as Fiery Face, Cardinal, Fire King, etc. It runs largely to very bright colors.....10



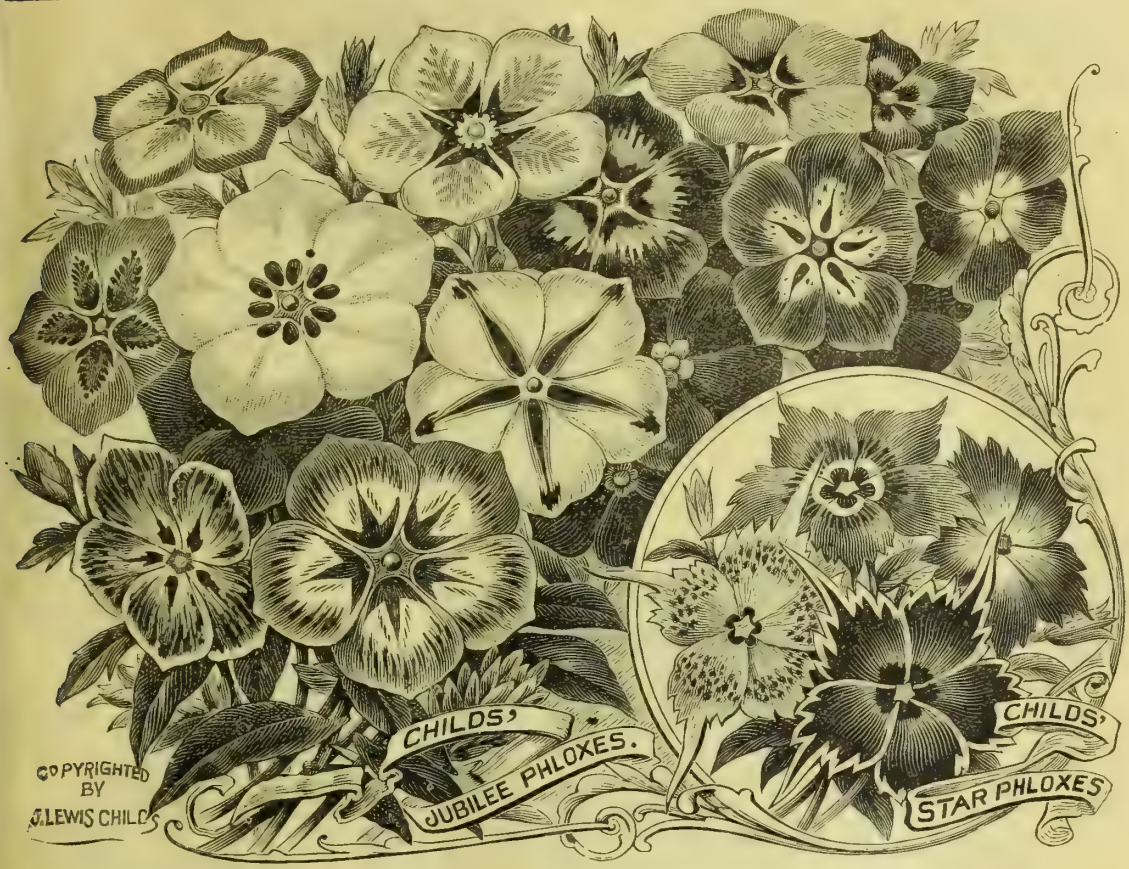
Fancy Margined Pansies.

The large, fine blossoms of these are of various colors, white, blue, black, yellow, purple, etc., all with beautiful margins of white and gold bordering each flower. The effect is very unique and beautiful 10

The above 3 Fancy sorts for 25c.

Violet-Scented Pansies.

This new type is a cross between the Pansy and the Violet, combining the ideal properties of each. The flowers are much larger than the Violet, more like Pansies, but with the delicious fragrance of the former. The flowers are also quite free from central rays and markings, and the habit of the plant is decidedly dwarf and compact, producing its flowers on long foot-stalks, and they appear continually from early spring until late fall. The plants possess to a considerable extent the hardy and robust nature of the Violet, and make splendid pot as well as garden plants. This unique strain originated with Dr. Stuart, of Chirnside, England. The range of color runs through white, buff, canary and azure blue, and the coloring of each is exceedingly delicate and charming. A most important novelty, and one in which all admirers of the Pansy and Violet will be especially delighted. We first introduced this strain several years ago, since when it has been wonderfully improved.....10



Phlox Drummondi.

One of the very best of all bedding annuals is the Phlox Drummondi, surpassing almost everything else in dazzling brilliancy. We may well be proud of this distinctively American flower, for it is extremely beautiful, neat in growth and an extraordinary bloomer. The newer sorts of Phlox are so far ahead of the older varieties that we have discarded all the latter, and offer none but those beautiful new ones of recent introduction. The Phlox make beautiful ribbon beds when different colors are sown side by side, and are also grand for masses of solid color. Per pkt.

Mixed—Thirty different colors. Fine for large beds and masses. Per oz., $1.00..... 5

Coccinea—A rich, velvety scarlet..... 5

Fancy Striped—Very novel and beautiful. Many distinct colors, but all striped with white..... 5

Grover Cleveland-A grand bedding sort; large, pure white flowers, with radiant crimson centers. Very fine and effective..... 5

Rosea Alba Oculata—A clear, deep rose, with large, pure white eye. A charming color..... 5

Violet Alba Oculata—A rich shade of violet, with large white center..... 5

Yellow—Good for contrast; not as brilliant in color as the scarlet and crimson varieties..... 5

Alba—Large pure white, without markings of any kind. Fine for cutting..... 5

Stellata—Of the most dazzling, deepest scarlet, with a contrasting eye of the snowiest white. This is a wonderfully brilliant bedder, giving a blaze of color that can be seen a long way..... 5

Double White—This Phlox was introduced some years ago, but so small a per cent. of the plants produced double flowers that we did not offer it at first. The strain here offered is most excellent and a large per cent. of the plants will produce fine double flowers in great clusters and as white as snow.....10

Double Yellow—Like the above, but yellow.....10

Nana Compacta—Small growing, very compact varieties in many brilliant colors. They attain a height of only six inches and make a very brilliant carpet of colors all summer.....10

Childs' Jubilee—This strain of Phlox Drummondi is as superior to other Phloxes of regular outline as our new Star Phloxes are to the ordinary strains of Fimbriata Phlox. The flowers of Childs' Jubilee Phlox are of great substance, beautiful form and uncommon size, while the colors are extraordinarily rich and varied, glowing crimson, dazzling scarlet, deep rose, soft pink, pale blush, maroon-black, lavender-purple, pure white, and numberless other rare shades, many with contrasting eyes, stripes or featherings. In habit these new Phloxes are erect rather than procumbent, and bear their velvety blossoms in great profusion, making them unrivalled for bedding. They are of dwarf, stout, branching habit, always standing erect, and the individual flowers are the size of a twenty-dollar gold coin. The grandest of all Phloxes of any type yet known to cultivation. They are superior even to the grand Perennial Phloxes, which are so very beautiful..10

Childs' Star—Nothing else in the Phlox line has ever created such a sensation as the unique German strains of Fimbriata Cuspidata and Star of Quedlinburg, when introduced a few years ago. Their large size and their curiously pointed, fringed and toothed blooms—utterly unlike anything else—took the floral world by storm. Unfortunately these flowers were muddy and indistinct in coloring. This we undertook to remedy by hybridization between the new incised sorts and the old brilliant sorts of regular form, and we are more than satisfied with our success. We have succeeded in retaining the much admired forms of the German strain while the colors of our improved hybrids are of every conceivable shade, more than a hundred distinct tints, shades, colors and combinations having been counted among them. Scarcely two plants can be found of the same shape and color. If you want something odd, new and striking, try Childs' Star Phlox.....10

SPECIAL OFFER.—*For only 75c. we will send one packet each of these fourteen finest Phloxes.*

Sweet Peas.—(Climber.)

Our Great Collection of Grand New Varieties.

One of the dear old flowers that will never go out of fashion. Everyone who has a yard ought to grow quantities of this sweetest of all flowers, that is not only a beautiful low-growing vine for garden and decoration, but one of the most useful of all in furnishing material for vases, bouquets and all cut flower work. Plant quantities of these lovely flowers and cut them with a lavish hand. Their presence will bring pleasure in the sick room, adorn your friends' otherwise empty vases, and make happy the flower-hungry children with no pretty yards and flowers of their own; for every flower you pick, two will come to fill its place. Easy to grow anywhere if sown early, very early. For the largest and finest blossoms, dig a trench six inches deep, put in two inches of rotten manure, a little earth, and sow the seeds over this three inches apart in the row, covering an inch and a half deep. Do this as early as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and as the plants grow, fill up the trench around them with rich earth. Such planting will produce enormous quantities of flowers of the largest size.

Our Grand Large-Flowering Mixed Sweet Peas—The finest mixture possible, as only the largest-flowered or "Grandiflora" type (Eckford's) is used. More than 100 different colors; perfectly magnificent. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; ¼lb., 25c.; ½lb., 40c.; 1 lb., 75c.

50 Sorts in One Pkt. for 10c.—For 10c. we will send a packet containing 50 seeds—mixed—one seed each of 50 different named varieties.

50 Grandest Named Sweet Peas

All at 5c. per pkt., 10c. per oz.

Admiration—Delicate lavender-pink; mixed colors.
America—Bright cardinal and white stripe.
Apple Blossom—Shaded pink and rose standard, wings lighter shade.
Aurora—Salmon and white stripes; blossoms large and one of the prettiest of the stripes.
Black Knight—Deep, rich, maroon-black.
Countess Cadogan—Beautiful bright blue.
Captivation—Purplish magenta; quite unlike any other.
Coquette—Standard light violet shading to primrose and light primrose wings.
Countess of Radnor—Lavender standard and blue wings.
Crown Jewel—Violet and rose-pink blended in the standard, wings light primrose; large blossoms; vigorous.
Dorothy Tennant—Deep rosy mauve.
Duke of Clarence—Bright rosy claret; purple-maroon.
Duke of Sutherland—Purplish maroon standard, indigo blue wings. A very dark variety.
Emily Eckford—Rosy purple standard and blush purple wings changing to almost blue when open a day.
Eliza Eckford—White, shaded and edged with light pink on standard; wings almost white.
Ex. Ey. Blanche Ferry—Rose pink standard and white wings, same as in the original Blanche Ferry.
Earliest of All—Blossoms same as extra early Blanche Ferry but it is earlier.

Emily Lynch—Rose-pink standard; wings light pink and primrose, hooded.
Emily Henderson—Pure white, large bold flowers.
Fashion—Light purplish crimson.
Golden Gleam—Finest yellow; large and beautiful.
Gorgeous—Standard bright orange and wings bright orange-rose.
Grey Friar—Marbled or watered purple on white.
Hon. F. Bouverie—Splendid deep pink.
Katherine Tracy—Light carmine and rose-pink; delicate but bright.
Lady C. Hamilton—Splendid bright lavender.
Lady Mary Currie—Orange-pink, the largest, brightest and best of the pinks.
Lovely—Deep rose at base of standard and wings, shading to pale pink and blush at edges.
Lottie Eckford—White ground shaded and edged with light blue and mauve.
Lottie Hutchins—Pale primrose, striped with light pink.
Maid of Honor—White, with light blush-lavender edge.
Modesty—Very soft blush, almost white. The lightest pink.
Mrs. Eckford—Pale primrose yellow. The best of this shade and superior to Primrose in size and form.
Navy Blue—Best dark navy blue.
Oriental—Fine cream, large and grand.
Ovid—Light carmine with distinct rose veins.
Prima Donna—Light but bright blush-pink.
Prince Edward of York—Cerise standard and crimson wings. Large open form and vigorous vine.
Prince of Wales—Bright rose-pink.
Pink Friar—A marbled or watered pink on white.
Queen Victoria—Light primrose yellow.
Ramona—White, striped with light pink. Well formed large blossoms.
Royal Rose—Standard deep rose, shaded with lighter pink; very light pink wings. Very large blossoms.
Royal Robe—A soft light pink.
Sensation—Pale buff and pink standard, white wings. Nearly always four blossoms to the stem nicely placed.
Shazada—Deep maroon standard; indigo blue wings, blossoms large and well formed; a very dark variety.
Stella Morse—Primrose-yellow, tinged with blush-pink, perhaps more correctly a rich cream color.
Salopian—Deepest and brightest crimson-scarlet.
The Bride—Extra fine, pure white.
Venus—Light salmon suffused with buff.

5c. per packet; 10c. per oz.; the 50 sorts, 1 packet each for $1.50.

Bush Sweet Pea.

This new Pea grows in dense bush form, about 12 inches high and requires no support. In this respect, much like a bush bean. The flowers are large and fine.

Grey Friar—Lavender-purple and silvery white.
Monarch—Rich carrot-red and purple.
Senator—Deep maroon striped white.

10c. per pkt.; the 3 for 20c.; oz., 20c.

Dwarf "Cupid" Sweet Peas.

This is a dwarf Sweet Pea, the plant growing only five inches high, yet spreading out and forming a solid mat of foliage and flowers one and one-half feet across. The blossoms are very sweet, of largest size and greatly abundant, with three flowers on each stem. It begins to bloom as early as May, and, unlike the climbing Sweet Peas, continues in profusion until killed by frost. This is a remarkable feature and makes it at once one of the most suberb plants for bedding, massing and edging in cultivation. Also very desirable as pot plants. Per pkt.

White Cupid—Pure white, large, perfect, very sweet..... 5
Pink Cupid—A lovely pink in color and a very free grower. 5
Primrose Cupid—A fine tinted yellow or primrose..... 5
Firefly—Intense scarlet-pink..... 5
C. of Radnor—Beautiful lavender blue..... 5
Mixed—8 sorts. Oz., 10c..... 5

Double Sweet Peas.

The new double sorts produce flowers nearly half of which will be double, as shown by cut. Very beautiful and attractive. 10c. per pkt.; the 4 pkts. for 30c.

Double Pink. | **Double White.**
Double Scarlet. | **Double Black.**
Double Mixed Sweet Peas—Several colors. Pkt., 10c.

Perennial Peas.—(Climber.)

No praise can be too high for this lovely iron-clad vine, that blooms constantly from early summer until late autumn minding neither heat or cold, rain or drought. Plants of vigor and healthfulness, bearing a profusion of long-stalked clustered flowers, white, pink and deep rose in color, each flower an inch or more across, 4 to 6 feet in height.

Mixed All Colors..... 5
Pure White—Superb..... 10
Deep Crimson—Fine rich color..... 5
Pink Beauty—White, veined, edged and shaded rosy pink. 5

Petunia.

This is a flower for everybody. Few high priced and rare plants can begin to compare with the Petunia for beauty, and not half a dozen other flowers on our list are as showy in beds or masses. We once saw in front of a humble western cabin a great raised bed of Petunias, a perfect cloud of brilliant blossoms that could be seen far over the prairie, gleaming in purple and white, like some great star, and all this wealth of beauty was the product of a ten-cent paper of seed. The smallest yard and the finest park is not complete without these butterflies among flowers, that mind neither heat, drouth or rain, but bloom in profusion until the winter is almost upon us. The seed is best started in the house, and the young plants transplanted to open ground one foot apart, but if the soil is made very fine, seed can be sown in open ground and covered lightly. Per pkt.

Childs' New Hybrids—Striped, blotched and stained..... 5

Grandiflora Mixed—Very large flowers and fine colors, including blotched, bordered, striped, etc..... 5

Bouquet, Mixed Colors—Very hardy and strong, but the plants are dwarf, very bushy and compact, producing their bright blossoms in such wonderful profusion that each plant looks like a perfect bouquet set in the ground. As pot plants they are also very fine, and bloom incessantly both summer and winter. For groups, beds, borders, single specimens, or for pots, they are perfectly superb.....10

Snow White—Pure snow white, without shade or mark... 5

Adonis—Bright carmine-red, with a pure white throat. A perfect wonder in profusion and brilliancy..... 5

Variegated-Blossoms elegantly striped, blotched and variegated, crimson, rose, and pure white. Very attractive.. 5

Cood Double Mixed—A fair strain of Double Petunia Seed which will give about 30 per cent. double.....10

NEW GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

A giant-flowered strain which originated in California. They are truly magnificent in every sense of the word, and show great improvement over the best European strains.

Clematis-Flowered—Pure white like a great Clematis....10

Giant Kermisina—Large, crimson-black.....10

The Rainbow—Richly colored flowers with golden yellow throat; exquisite and comes true every time.....10

Ring of Emerald—Large pink and crimson blossoms, deeply bordered with a green band.....10

Fringed Perfection—A highly perfected strain, the petals of which are deeply ruffled, and the ruffles in turn exquisitely fringed. A superb strain of the richest colors.

Giant-Flowered, Single, Mixed Colors—Enormous single flowers of a great variety of superb colors and fancy markings. Exceedingly beautiful.....15

Ruffled Giants—Flowers of this new strain are exceedingly deep throated, and very large. They are ruffled, fluted and fringed, striped, blotched and of solid intense colors, with many color combinations new in Petunias. It is a great strain which will surprise.....20

One packet each of above seven for 60c.

DOUBLE GIANT-FLOWERED PETUNIAS.

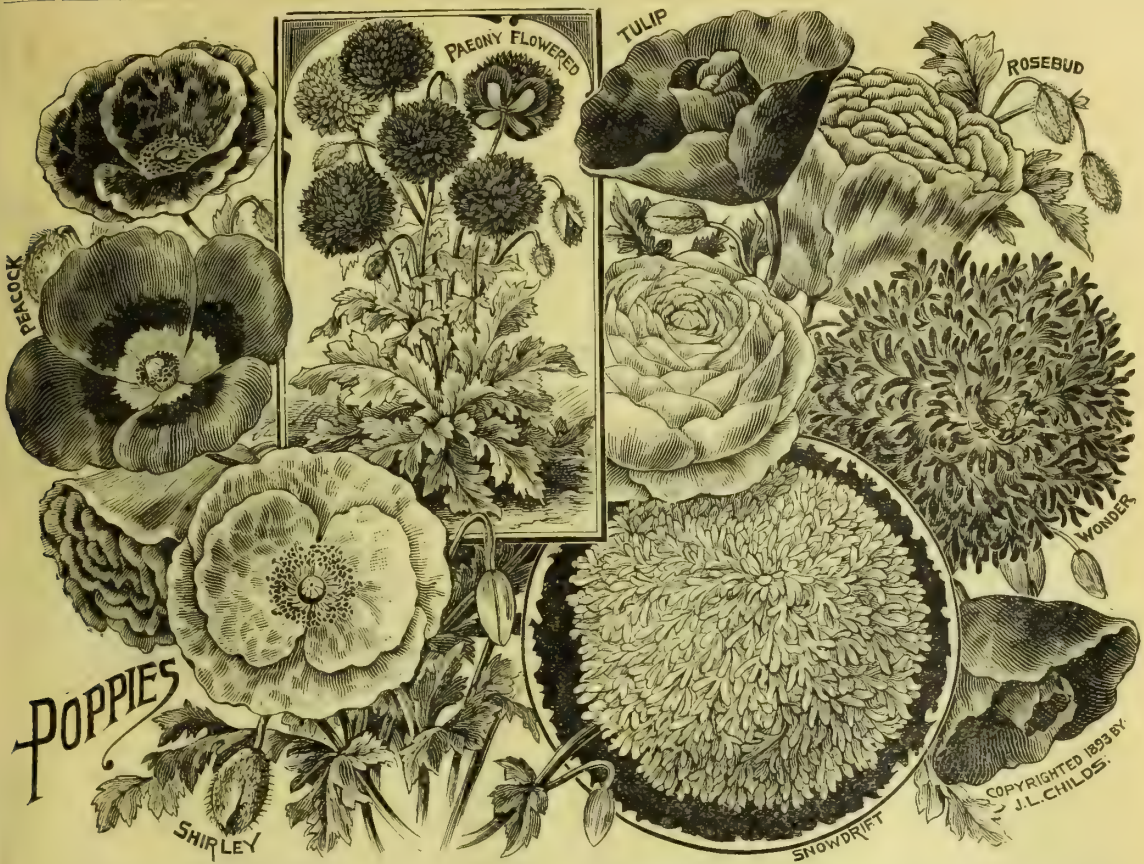
This is the choicest double Petunia seed that the world can furnish, and we stake our reputation upon it. A larger per cent. will produce double flowers than any other, and the flowers will be larger and better.

Giant-Flowered Double, Fringed, Mixed Colors—The largest and finest colored Double Petunias yet seen. Their size and beauty will be a revelation to all.....20

Double White—Fine, pure white flowers, very double.....20

Double Crimson—Intense crimson, large, double.....20

Double Rosea—Pink, and white, beautifully mottled.....20



Poppies.

Universal garden favorites from the days of our grandmothers. There is nothing more graceful than the silky blooms of single Poppies, nodding at the apex of their long wire stalks like so many tropical butterflies that a passing zephyr might waft from their airy perch. There is nothing more gorgeous than the double Poppies, bursting with fullness, glowing with color, and like great Pæonies, or Snowballs in size. There are few flowers easier to grow, if the precaution is taken to sow early, and cover lightly, and none more useful to light up dark masses of shrubbery, mixed borders, or dull bits of landscape. Do not wait for warm weather to sow your seed, but sow very early in the spring, that the plants may have their growth made, ready to bloom at the coming of warm weather. Per pkt.

Childs' Great Pæony-Flowered—A strain perfected after years of high cultivation and careful selection. Plants attain a height of three feet or more, and bear many flowers of most brilliant colors..... 5

Peacock—(Papava Umbrosa). Dazzlingly beautiful. Fiery scarlet flowers with vivid black centers, and borne on long wiry stems 5

Nankeen Yellow—A fine novelty. Large double blossoms of a fine Nankeen yellow color 10

Snowdrift—Flowers as pure as the driven snow, large, double and full, yet soft and loose like a great ball of snow. A mass of it in bloom is a grand sight. Its habit of growth is stout and compact, not attaining the height of most other large Poppies which makes its enormous blossoms show to better advantage.....10

Rosebud—Dainty flowers, like silken rosettes, cupped like Roses, some of these are exquisitely mottled and shaded, while others are solid colors, margined with other shades. The coloring is something wonderful, and must be seen to be appreciated. Intense scarlet, crimson, pink, rose, white, blush, mottled, fringed, etc. 5

Nudicaule or Iceland Poppies–Perennial, but bloom first year. Very handsome and graceful, and particularly desirable because they furnish us with a color hitherto lacking in these flowers. The yellow and orange shades are particularly fine.....10

Blushing Bride—The plants are of dwarf, stout growth, like Snowdrift, and belong to the Pæony-flowered type. The blossoms are of enormous size, perfectly double to the center, and beautifully fringed. Color snow-white, with lovely bright crimson festooning above the edges of the frilled petals. One of the earliest to bloom.....10

Improved Shirley—No better flower seed novelty was offered last year than this new strain of Shirley Poppy, grown, selected and improved by Mr. Wilks, the original introducer of the Shirleys. Habit of plant dwarf and stout; blossoms of enormous size, and of the most charming colors to be found in any flower. No display can surpass a bed of these Poppies no matter what it is. A great improvement over ordinary Shirleys.....10

SPECIAL OFFER.

One pkt. each of these 8 fine Poppies for 50c.

Portulaca.

The Portulacas will stand more abuse than almost any other flower. They do not like deep shade, or wet, damp soil, but in any other situation they only ask the sowing; they will take care of themselves afterwards. The dryer the weather and the hotter the sun, the more they flourish, carpeting the ground with their mat of succulent foliage, that during the fore part of the day is almost hidden by clouds of gay blossoms in every color of the rainbow. Fine for bordering walks, rock work and bedding. Beautiful in ribbon beds, and they can be transplanted even in full bloom. Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed Colors—White, crimson, rose, scarlet, yellow, striped, etc. Very brilliant..... 5

Double Rose-Flowered, Mixed Colors—Large blossoms, as double as Roses, and the greatest variety of colors...10

Double Yellow—Fine brilliant color.....10
Double Scarlet—Clear and bright.....10
Double White—Pure and beautiful.....10
The 3 sorts for 20c.

PICOTEE PINK.

Salvia.

The Salvia is now a standard bedding plant, and well does it deserve its honor. It stands heat and drouth remarkably well, and its colors are very showy and intense. Seed is best started under glass, though self-sown seed frequently comes up in great numbers where a bed of these plants has been the year previous. Cuttings are easily rooted and make fine winter-blooming plants. Per pkt.

Patens—A most lovely shade of blue.....10
Splendens Compacta—Fine dwarf habit, very free flowering, and of intense brilliancy. This is the finest of all Splendens, and one of the very finest plants for garden or pots that it is possible to have. It blooms profusely all the year, beginning in about three months from the time of sowing the seed. Perfectly exquisite.....10
Silver Spot — Foliage green, spotted yellow; flowers brilliant scarlet.....10
Golden Leaved — Habit, compact, short-jointed and branching, with an abundance of foliage, which is of a fine yellow shade, hardly a trace of green about it. The flowers are a light transparent scarlet of exceptional brilliancy. The color of the foliage is constant and does not change when bedded out in the hot sun. In fact, its color is perhaps intensified by heat. The brilliancy of the flowers against the yellow foliage produces the most striking effects we have ever observed in any plant. Not only is the plant a fine bedder but it is also a magnificent pot plant, blooming at any and all times of the year without intermission. For winter it is particularly fine, and the most brilliant plant that can be grown in one's window.....10
Splendens, Mixed—Scarlet, white, striped, purple, etc....10

Picotees and Pinks.

HARDY CARNATIONS—(PERENNIAL.)

The hardy garden Carnations are grown in Europe to a far greater extent than the pot varieties, yet strange to say they are hardly known in this country, owing possibly to the fact that they have not been properly introduced. The fact is they are perfectly hardy, standing the winter in the open ground like a Sweet William and blooming most profusely in May and June. The flowers are extra large and perfect in form, very double and of every color, including fine yellows and dull shades of blue. They bloom much more freely than greenhouse Carnations a plant often showing 50 to 75 flowers.

Carnation Pink, Early Dwarf Vienna—Mixed colors.....10
" " **Erfurt Giants**—Extra large and extra fine. Mixed colors.....20
Carnation Pink, Pure White—Very fine and true.....20
Picotee Pink—These are really hardy Carnations, with flowers more delicate than other pinks and pleasantly fragrant. Though hardy, they are stronger for a little protection over winter. Fine Mixed Colors, including a large range of beautiful shades.....10

NEW MULTIFLORA ROSES.

Roses from Seed, Blooming in 60 Days.

With seed of these new Roses plants may be had in bloom in 60 to 90 days from time of sowing. Plant at any time. They grow quickly and flowers appear in large clusters, and in such quantity that a plant looks like a bouquet. Perfectly hardy in the garden, where they bloom all summer. In pots they bloom both summer and winter. From a packet of seed one will get Roses of various colors—white, pink, crimson, etc.,—no two alike and mostly perfectly double and very sweet Greatest novelty of recent years, and gives unbounded satisfaction.

ROSA POLYANTHA MULTIFLORA HYBRIDS—All colors mixed, choicest seed, 15c. per pkt.; 2 pkts. for 25c.

Mixed Flower Seeds, 100 Kinds.

People who wish a great variety of seed at small cost will do well to plant a packet of this seed. It is a mixture of 100 different kinds, all the best sorts, and those which grow and bloom together in wild garden style. It will make a brilliant and attractive bed. Large packet, 10c.; 6 packets, 50c.

Ten-Weeks Stocks.

To our mind we do not catalogue a finer flower than the Ten-Weeks Stock. It has every merit of a perfect flower—a compact habit, many and long spikes of closely-set, large, double flowers, each as double as a rose, waxy of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in color from snow-white to dark maroon-brown, and through all intermediate shades of red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedder, and a fine pot plant, blooming the winter through. It develops in its greatest perfection in the cold atmosphere of our Northern States. In the South and West a cool situation should be chosen, sheltered from the mid-day sun. This plant requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. Poor care will result in poor flowers. It is worse than useless to plant inferior-seed of this flower, that has been brought to its present high standard by careful breeding and high cultivation. Our seed is extra fine. Per pkt.

Early Ten Weeks—12 of the finest colors mixed.....10
" " " —Pure white, very sweet 5
" " " —Rich crimson..... 5
" " " —Clear blue..... 5
" " " —Yellow, new and fine..... 5

Dwarf German—Mixed colors. An extra fine strain of large-flowered Stocks.....10

New Large Flowering Globe Pyramidal—One of the finest of all. Immense spikes of grand flowers, in almost rainbow colors. We have counted twenty-three different shades in a single bed of these flowers.....10

Perpetual Branching, Pure White—This new Ten-Weeks Stock has proved to be the finest variety in cultivation. It blooms very quickly from seed, the plants being stout, branching, and compact, with numerous flower spikes of very large size. The individual flowers are large, very double, and perfect in form. For pots it is greatly superior to any other variety, and as a pot plant it is just superb, flowering for a long period and at any time of year, according to time of sowing. Another great point in its favor is the fact that only a very small per cent. of the plants raised from seed will be single, nearly all producing magnificent double flowers. It is one of the greatest flower seed novelties we ever introduced, and one that will give far greater satisfaction that can be anticipated. We cannot say anything too good for it. Large snow-white.....15

Rich Crimson—Fine, deep, velvety color.....15

Giant Perfection—One of the finest for the open ground, growing to the height of 2½ feet; flowers also of immense size. Many beautiful colors mixed.....20

Snowflake—A superb variety. Flowers as perfect as though cut out of wax. Much grown as a pot flower for cool rooms.....10

Victoria Blood Red—A fine companion to the Snowflake, and grand for cutting. Deep and rich in color and very fragrant.....10

Celestial Blue—A beautiful color, and contrasts admirably with the two sorts above.....10

Tree—Mixed colors; a gigantic branching sort.....10

One packet each of the fourteen sorts for 75c.

Salpiglossis.

An exceedingly beautiful flower, and an extra fine and brilliant bedder. Large, lovely, funnel-shaped blossoms of velvety texture, and with deeply sunken veins, penciled and shaded with the richest tracings on a ground-work of the most pleasing colors. It stands the sun well and some of the showiest beds we have ever seen have been of this beautiful and easy grown annual. Per pkt.

Grandiflora, Mixed Colors—A grand new strain with enormous blossoms possessing the most varied, brilliant and fantastic markings imaginable. The staining pencilling and blending of the colors is wonderfully fine.....10

Ricinus Zanzibarensis.

There are several varieties of this superb new Ricinus, all of which are characterized by extra large and handsome leaves, compact, branching growth, forming a perfect pyramid of elegant foliage. The seeds are very large, and each kind of a different color, white, black, scarlet, brown, etc. All beautifully marked and mottled. They are so beautiful that they are worth the price asked just to look at. All kinds, mixed 10

Sweet William—(Perennial.)

The favorite flower of our grandmothers. One of the best edging plants for the border, bearing in early summer large heads of the richest and most varied colors. Very fragrant and a favorite with everyone for vases and bouquets.

Improved Mixed Colors—Perfect in form, large in size, brilliant and varied in colors..... 5
Double Mixed Colors—Fine double blossoms.....10

Scabiosa.

This is one of the very best bouquet flowers of our entire list, and is also fine for masses or clumps in the flower garden. Each plant bears a profusion of beautiful flowers, rich, velvety, glowing and unlike any other flower, while the long, wiry stems fit them for use in bouquets and vases. Sow seed early in open ground, and they are almost sure to succeed. They are very hardy, and plants frequently endure the winter, and do even better the second season than the first. While all colors of Scabiosa are fine, the rich black and velvety royal purples find the most admirers. Per pkt.

Mixed Colors—(Mourning Bride)..... 5
Double, Mixed Colors—Dwarf habit; fine colors..... 5
Snow Ball—The plant is a strong grower, and the flowers are very large, perfectly double, and as white as snow. They are produced very freely.....10
Royal Velvet—Each head of this variety, when in full bloom, may well be named a ready-made nosegay, comprised as it is of 20 to 30 distinct florets of a velvety purple color, on which the white stamens contrast finely.....10

Platycodon, Grandiflora.

(*Perennial.*)

A companionable flower that is attractive in the border, pretty in balcony boxes and very fine for vases and cut-flower work. Blooms first year from seed, though it is a hardy perennial, the plants living in the ground over winter and blooming profusely year after year in the same spot. On this account it is very valuable. The pretty star-like flowers are three inches across and the colors are very clear. It is a most beautiful and satisfactory plant which blooms freely all the season, one plant often having a hundred or more of its large, fine blossoms at one time.

Mixed Colors—Blue, white, etc..... 5

Verbenas.

Like the Pansy, the Aster and the Petunia, the Verbena is a favorite with everybody, and one of the most universally popular of all flowers, both for the garden and for pot culture. For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors it has no equals. Start seed early under glass, if possible, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting in the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts, and during the entire time nothing in the garden will attract more attention than the bed or clump of Verbenas. In August cuttings may be taken from some of the best ones and potted up for winter blooming. Our prize strain are the finest Verbenas in cultivation. Per pkt.

Extra Choice Mixed—From a named collection..... 10

Golden Bedder—A striking variety with bright scarlet blossoms and golden yellow foliage.....20

Primrose—A great advance toward the coveted yellow Verbena. A soft, pale yellow, or primrose.....10

Odorata—It is so hardy seed can be sown in the open ground early in the spring, where they will quickly germinate, grow rapidly, and in a few weeks be in bloom, and give a great profusion of beautiful blossoms all summer. The blossoms, instead of being in clusters like other sorts, run up into spikes, usually 3 or 4 inches long. It is very sweet scented and pure white in color..... 5

Childs' Prize Verbenas.

Famous as the finest strains of Verbenas known. We grow four acres of these superb flowers, and we know what we are talking about when we say they are the finest of all Verbenas. The plants are vigorous and short-jointed and perfect sheets of bloom. The trusses are very large, the flowers of mammoth size, perfect form and embracing the richest and most velvety colors. They are also delicately sweet-scented. The range of colors is great, and shades are mostly very delicate and dainty. In coloring they are, in fact, perfectly exquisite, there being very little of the common old blue and purple colors among them. In their place we have delicate blushes, lavenders, pinks, velvety indigoes, intense scarlets, whites, mottled, striped, variegated, etc., in fact, a thousand different colors and combinations.

Childs' Prize, Mixed Colors—Hundreds of delicate shades. Enormous sized flowers; dwarf, compact habit and prodigious bloomers.....20

Childs' Prize, Pure White—Comes true from seed. Great trusses of snowy blossoms of exquisite fragrance.....15

Childs' Prize, Scarlet—A very intense scarlet.....15

Moss Verbenas.

Purple-Blue—This new Verbena produces a mass of fine, moss-like foliage, and as the branches spread out over the ground in all directions a lovely carpet of mossy green is formed, above which are borne the delicate clusters of purple-blue blossoms in the wildest profusion. The effect is most charming. It is more hardy and robust than most Verbenas, and blooms in a very short time from seed. It is novel and beautiful 10

Pure White—This is one of the very finest novelties this year, and appears on our colored plate. The first plate in the catalogue. It is absolutely pure snow white, the blossoms having the same delicate fragrance as the Sweet Alyssum, and form in such profusion that a single plant covers 100 or more clusters at all times.....20

New Black Verbena.

Black Beauty—This is offered now for the first time and is of a deep maroon-black color with white eye. Very striking and novel 15

Miniature Zinnia

A perfectly wonderful plant, growing only 4 to 6 inches high and bearing great numbers of double blossoms of various colors. It is so dwarf and compact that a plant looks like a tasty bouquet set in the ground, the mingling of bright blossoms and foliage being very effective and so uniform and precise as to suggest artificial arrangement. For bordering beds of taller Zinnias or other flowers this is just the thing, or as a little clump or bed by itself it is very attractive. One of the best flower seed novelties in years. Mixed colors...15

The Mayflower Verbena.

First offered by us two years ago and is acknowledged to be one of the great good things of the century, which will eventually be seen in every home where flowers are grown. With the habit, beauty and fragrance of the Trailing Arbutus, a plant equally valuable for the garden or pots and a perpetual bloomer,—what more can be desired. This great novelty was raised and named by Luther Burbank, of California, the noted horticulturist. It is named Mayflower because the shape of its blossoms, its color, and fragrance, are almost identical with the wide-famed and cherished Trailing Arbutus, or as it is called in New England, Mayflower. The flowers are as rich and powerful in fragrance as the Arbutus. The Verbena, being of a creeping or trailing habit, like the Arbutus, with clusters and individual flowers much the same, one can easily imagine how the addition of the same fragrance may make a close imitation of that most beautiful of all wild flowers.

Mayflower Pink—Varies from light to deep pink, like the Arbutus, with the same unexcelled fragrance. Perfect form and great beauty. A lovely pot as well as garden flower.....15

Mayflower White—Pure snow white, with same delicious Arbutus fragrance. Comes absolutely true from seed.15

Wallflower.

Annual Mixed—This is hardy enough to stand our winters in the open ground and flowers early the first season from seed, blooming in profusion from early in June until late autumn, as they stand autumn frosts without injury. The blossoms are large size and borne in compact, short spikes or clusters, and are exceedingly sweet-scented. The plants are not injured by fall frosts and bloom until December. The colors range from yellow to dark brown, striped, etc.....10

Double (Perennial) Mixed Colors—A favorite English flower somewhat like Ten-week Stocks. A half-hardy perennial; very fragrant and fine for cutting or for pots..... 5

Fire Ball—Dwarf habit, large double blossoms of intense scarlet, as round and perfect as a ball. It makes a fine border or mass, its bright color and perfect habit showing to great advantage.....10

Snow Ball—Exactly like Fire Ball, except color, which is snow-white and makes a charming contrast.....10

Lilliput, Mixed Colors—This strain is the acme of beauty and perfection in Zinnias. Plants small and of bushy growth, each one bearing scores of beautiful little blossoms of the most perfect shape and brilliant colors. These charming little Zinnias are gems indeed, and should be in every garden.....10

Cold Bug—Plants grow a foot high and branch freely into beautiful little compact bushes, which are at all times covered with beautiful golden-yellow blossoms as double as roses. New last year.....10

SPECIAL OFFER.

To encourage the free use of our improved Zinnias, we will send one packet each of the eight varieties here offered for only 40c.

LILLIPUT.

Zinnia.

From early childhood the Zinnia has been a special favorite with us, and the strain which we cultivated in our first little garden we still sell and grow as our improved. We have selected the stock seed every year for thirty years. This careful attention has brought it to wonderful perfection. This Zinnia is a robust, free grower, furnishing an abundance of large, double blossoms which are of varied and brilliant colors, during the entire summer and fall. Each flower keeps perfect for six weeks before fading, and each plant is a great mass of bloom all the time, making a showing which is peculiar. Nothing else can fill their place. Seed should be started inside or sown in the garden about corn-planting time.

Childs' Improved, Mixed Colors—Saved only from select flowers, perfect in shape and color. The finest strain of Zinnia in cultivation. Every plant will produce immense double blossoms of various colors, from white to deep crimson, maroon, pink, yellow, orange, scarlet, violet, primrose, buff, striped, etc. Every plant will give fine double flowers. Single and poor flowers long ago disappeared from this strain....10

Crested and Crinkled—All colors mixed. A strain with curiously crested and crinkled petals.....10

Improved Striped—A good strain representing all the leading colors, but all striped. Really the finest strain of Striped or Zebra Zinnias in cultivation.....10

Double Yellow—Blossoms large and bright yellow..... 5

Seeds for Window or Greenhouse Culture.

The satisfaction derived from the cultivation of house plants is not alone in seeing them in bloom. There is joy in seeing them grow and develop day by day, and the one who starts a plant from seed and rears it up to bloom gets all the pleasure there is in plant culture. Geraniums, Carnations, Chrysanthemums, Begonias, Heliotropes, etc., are easily grown from seed, and it is really fascinating to raise them in this way, watching each plant as it unfolds its bloom, noting its form, color and other characteristics, and when occasionally we discover an immensely fine one, much superior to any we have ever before seen or heard of, the highest pleasure and satisfaction possible to get from plants and flowers is ours. It is from seed that all fine new varieties of house plants are produced, and it is nothing for a seedling Chrysanthemum or Carnation to be worth more than a thousand dollars. Our strains of all these seeds are much finer than are usually sold.

Abutilon.

As indispensable for the window or greenhouse as the Petunia is for the flower garden. Will stand more abuse and neglect than almost any other house plant. Grows rapidly from seed, and is soon in bloom. Leaves are very ornamental and are often beautifully variegated. Lovely bell-shaped flowers, borne the year around, in all colors—white, pink, yellow, orange, red, etc. Per pkt.

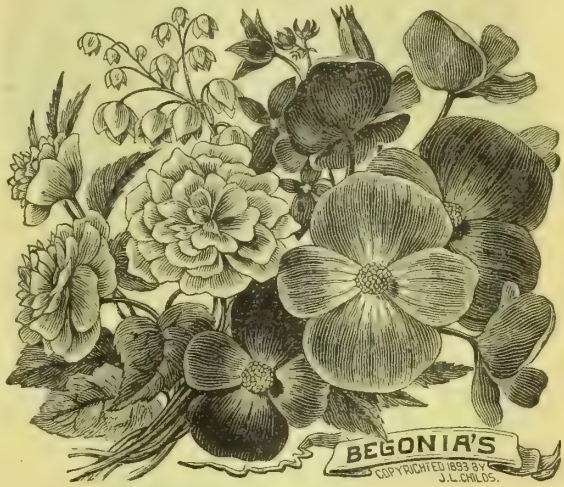
Choice Hybrids, Mixed—All colors mixed.....10

Infanta Eulalia Hybrids, Mixed—Large blossoms of various colors. The finest of all Abutilons, blooming freely all the year, and making a short-jointed, bushy growth that is much more desirable than the tall growing kinds. See plant department.....20

Chrysanthemum.

Chrysanthemum seed sown in the winter will produce large, vigorous plants by fall, which will give a great profusion of fine flowers, even more than old plants. No matter how many plants you raise, no two will be alike, and some are likely to be very valuable. All colors, shapes, sizes and varieties will be produced. The great beauty of a collection of seedling Chrysanthemums cannot be appreciated until it is seen. They are grand, and are very easily raised. Seeds germinate freely and quickly, and the plants, being of a hardy and robust nature, make a rapid growth.

Extra Choice, Mixed—All colors and varieties; Japanese, Ostrich Plum, Anemone-flowered, etc.....20



Begonia.

One of the most beautiful of all window plants, handsome in foliage, and bearing great quantities of lovely flowers of wax-like texture and exquisitely soft, delicate shades. Seeds are very fine and need care in sowing, but the flowers repay all care given. Seedlings bloom in from five to eight months time. Per pkt.

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids—Fine single mixed.....15

Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids—Fine double mixed.....20

Vernon, Mixed Colors—Flowers perpetually the year round, the plants being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter. They make lovely bedding plants in summer, the leaves, when exposed to the sun, turning to a rich bronze color, adding much to the beauty of the flowers. Grow from seed as readily as a weed. Grand perpetual bloomers, including many colors, white, pink, red, etc.....10

Rex, Mixed Sorts—Justly celebrated as the finest of ornamental pot plants. Superb large-leaves, of exquisite and rich coloring. Our seed is saved from our finest collection of above fifty newest and best named sorts; cannot be excelled. It will give grand results.....15

Tuberous-Rooted Rex—Our new strain of fine Tuberous-Rooted Rex Begonias, introduced last year. A large per cent. of this hybridized seed will come true.....20

New Hybrids, Mixed—Large flowering and perpetual blooming. This is a mixture of the newest and rarest named flowering Begonias. It includes many fine hybrids, and seed is saved from our noted collection of rare sorts. We have taken the greatest pains in hybridizing this seed, and it will produce many distinct new forms.....15

New Sweet-Scented, Mixed—Fine mixed seed of our grand new sweet-scented varieties.....20

BEGONIA, REX.

Giant Rainbow Coleus.

This is one of the most magnificent Novelties we ever introduced. They grow easily and rapidly from seed, and make fine specimen plants in two or three months, and if you raise a thousand of them no two will be alike. The leaves are large (often a foot long) and wavy, spotted, mottled, striped, splashed, marbled, etc., with the most rich and charming colors—white, purple, pink, crimson, green, yellow, velvety red and black—in endless variety. Such colors; such combinations and contrasts! They excel Fancy-Leaved Caladiums and all other foliage plants. We never put out a finer novelty than this, or one the magnificence of which will prove such a surprise and delight to those who grow it. Our cut represents a plant only two or three months from the seed. The seed we offer is saved from the magnificent specimens which have been so greatly admired at our conservatories. Mixed Hybrids.....20

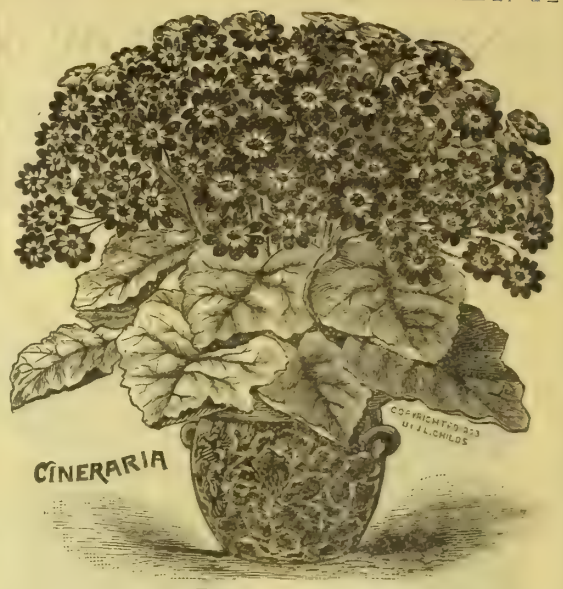
Camellia Japonica.

We have received from Japan a quantity of seed of the well known and beautiful Camellia. It germinates readily, and the plant makes a rapid growth. The seed was saved from plants of different colors, and is said to be a mixture ofthe finest sorts.....15

Calceolaria.

Not one in ten of our customers have ever seen a Calceolaria in bloom, yet it is one of the handsomest and most striking pot plants we know of. Seeds fine, and must be sown with care, but after they are fairly up they grow well, and will bloom the next winter. Each plant bears hundreds of pocket-like flowers, spotted and marbled in the most curious manner. Our great show of Calceolarias during the late winter and spring months is one of the noted attractions of Floral Park.

Dwarf Hybrids—Large flowering, mixed colors.....15
Grandiflora—Spotted and tigered, as well as fine self-colors; very large and exceedingly fine.....20



Cineraria.

A wondrously beautiful greenhouse or window plant, and not at all hard to grow. Seeds germinate quickly and easily, and young plants grow off without any trouble. Keep in a shady place over summer and remove to house in fall. Use insecticides to keep free from aphis, and as flower buds show give good light. A beautiful plant, the large, luxuriant leaves surmounted in late winter and spring by immense panicles of magnificent large flowers of the most brilliant colors. Nothing could be more effective in the window; in fact no flower is more showy or effective, and the flowers last in full glory for two to three months. Colors exceedingly rich and velvety, ranging from crimson-black to pure white, through all the shades of crimsons and blues, frequently with large white centers or exquisite borders. Per pkt.

Grandiflora Mixed—Large-flowering prize varieties.....10
Grandiflora, Dwarf Mixed—Two to three inches across and of the richest and most varied colors. The immense head of bloom is like a beautiful bouquet, finely set off by the large, handsome leaves, above which it towers..20
Double-Flowered—Extra choice mixed, all fine, double blossoms in immense clusters.....25

Carnation.

A favorite with everyone. Fragrant double flowers of elegant form and exquisite markings. Seeds and plants grow as freely as the old garden Pink. Spring-sown seeds make fine winter-blooming plants. Per pkt.

Monthly, or Perpetual—Mixed greenhouse sorts.....10
Hardy Hybrids—Hardy free bloomers. Extra fine for the garden or for pots. Many fine colors mixed.....15
Margaret—Fine, early bloomers.....10
Chebaud Early French—A fine strain, combining the earliness of Margaret with the large and perfect blossoms of the Perpetuals.....20
Malmaison—Largest and finest of all.....15

CYCLAMEN.

Cyclamen Grandiflora.

There are few handsomer plants than the Cyclamen. The heart-shaped foliage is beautifully shaped and marked, and the charming flowers, borne on long footstalks above the crown of foliage, show exquisite shades of white, crimson, blush and pink, most flowers showing two colors..15

Fuchsia.

Lovely pot plants which bloom profusely at all times. Grows rapidly from seed, producing many fine new sorts.
Mixed Hybrids—Best double and single named sorts.....15

Ferns.

Ferns are exquisite for table or drawing room decorations, wardian cases, hanging baskets, or rockeries. Spores are very fine, and should be surface sown on sifted soil, and covered with glass. If sown in ordinary pot saucers, necessary moisture can be supplied by placing a saucer of soil inside of a larger saucer that has been filled with water.

Mixed—Many fine sorts....10
Boston Fern—Finest of all.10

GLOXINIA.

Gloxinia.

The most beautiful of all pot bulbs. Seedlings grow well, and if given proper care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed, giving larger and better flowers than can be had from old bulbs. Per pkt.

French Hybrids—Splendid mixed; finest varieties.....15
Tigered and Spotted—Mixed, all beautifully spotted.....15
Crassifolia Erecta—Mixed colors, all erect bloomers.....15
Pure White—The most heavenly of all flowers. 15

DOUBLE GERANIUM.

SINGLE GERANIUM.

Geranium.

Very easily grown from seeds, and if started early will bloom the first summer and fall. Seedling plants are always healthy and make a strong luxuriant growth, blooming more freely than old plants. Anyone can produce magnificent results growing Geraniums from seed, and we advise all our customers to try it. Per pkt.

Zonale, Extra Choice—Mixed, from finest new large-flowered varieties.....10
New Hybrid Large-Flowering—Grand strain, from which we grew the magnificent new sorts offered among Specialties and Novelties. All colors mixed.....20
Bronze and Gold—Very fine foliage.....15
Apple Scented—Very delightfully scented leaves.....10
Double Mixed—From finest new sorts, and will produce some of the best double varieties in existence.....20
Pelargonium, or Lady Washington—Fine mixed. These are perfectly magnificent, but seed is scarce 20
Ivy Leaved—Double and single mixed; extra fine, with magnificent trusses of bright colored flowers, and a beautiful trailing habit, with rich, ivy-like foliage.....20

LEMOINE'S NEW HELIOTROPE.

Heliotrope.

Lemoine's New Early-Flowering Giant—This new strain of Heliotrope blooms in a very short time from seed, and plants are as easily raised from seed as Pansies or Asters. The seedlings make a rapid growth and are in bloom in a short time. They bloom abundantly in the garden all summer, or all the year round in pots. The panicles of bloom are often six inches across, three times as large as ordinary Heliotrope, while the colors range from indigo-black through all shades of blue to almost pure white, and some with red tints, others with large white eye. In fragrance they seem to surpass the ordinary sorts. A packet of this seed will furnish a bed of flowers for your garden or lawn which would cost several dollars were you to purchase the plants, and give you great handfuls of the delicious blossoms all summer...15

New Mammoth—This new Heliotrope is the result of a cross between the well-known Giant Heliotrope having been introduced a few years ago, and Mad. Bussy. It does not grow as high as the Giant but is more sturdy and broad, producing immense umbels of light and deep violet flowers, which have a diameter of 16 to 20 inches. The delicious perfume of this novelty by far excels all other Heliotropes. Plants will bloom within three months from the time of sowing the seed, and the enormous panicles of bloom are magnificent.....20

Lantana.

A little slow to germinate, but seedlings grow rapidly and soon make thrifty plants. An extra fine bedding plant, with very brilliant Verbena-like flowers. We offer a very fine strain. Flowers in all shades of vermillion, orange, lemon, white and pink. Mixed colors.....10

Lemon Verbena.

Everyone knows the Lemon Verbena, and everyone ought to have a few specimens of it; its fragrant foliage is so fine to use for bouquets and other floral work.....10

Musa Ensette.

Fine single specimens of this are grand beyond description, and give a massive, tropical effect that nothing else can equal. It grows several feet high the first season, with huge, wide-spreading leaves that dwarf every thing near it. Give sun, rich soil and abundance of water..... 10

Oleander.

Well-known shrubbery plants for tub culture. Very beautiful when in bloom.
Mixed Colors.....10

Palms.

Grand decorative plants for the house or piazza, and increase in value each year. Easily grown from seeds, which are slow, but quite sure to germinate.
Mixed Sorts—Many varieties 20
Filifera, or Weeping—Very fine and easily grown.....10
Seaforthia Elegans—One of the finest and best known...15
Phœnix Canariensis.....15
" **Reclinata**—Elegant curved fronds of great size.20

Swainsonia.

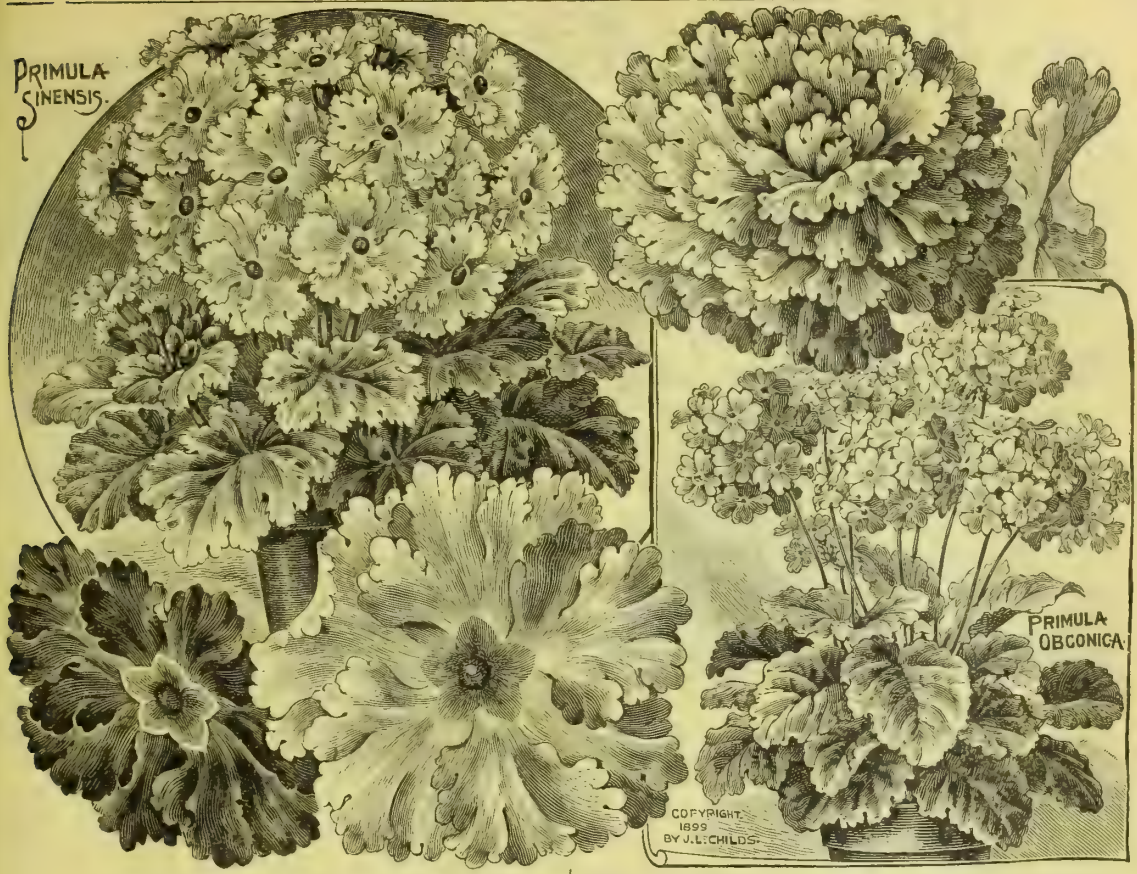
Lovely pot plants, blooming freely all the time. Foliage and flowers are exquisitely handsome. One of the very finest of all pot plants for constant blooming. Flowers closely resemble Sweet Peas, and are borne in large clusters. There are two colors, white and pink. We offer fine plants of both sorts on another page.
Mixed Colors—White and pink.....10

Smilax.

This elegant vine is easily grown from seed, which, though slow to germinate, is sure to grow. Not only a good window vine, but exceedingly fine for outdoor planting wherever a small growing vine is wanted. In the open ground it grows luxuriantly, furnishing great quantities of its dainty glossy-green sprays that are exquisite to use in cut-flower work, and remains fresh and green until after early frosts. In the house it requires good light and freedom from dust. Its feathery little blooms are delicately fragrant, but its chief merit is its exquisitely beautiful foliage..... 5

Violet.

A fine collection of many fine varieties and colors—blue, lavender white. Many of the sweetest scented varieties are included.....10



Primula Sinensis.

Ask any florist you will for a list of good house plants, and one of the very first plants he mentions will be the Primula. Everyone counts them as one of the "must haves" of winter bloomers, and with good reason. Easy to grow, pretty in leaf, handsome in flower, and continuously in bloom for months at a time. These merits alone would earn it a place in every window, but when we add that it is one of the plants never attacked by insects, and that it will blossom in a sunless window, where a Geranium or Heliotrope would never show a bud, it is clear that the smallest collection would never be complete without it. Young vigorous plants are always the best, and are easily grown if the seed is sown on light, porous soil, underlaid with charcoal, and kept moist, but not wet, until the seeds germinate, which will be in about two weeks. Give young plants plenty of air and plunge pots in the summer in cool, shady places. In potting see that the soil at rim of pot is lower than in the center, as water standing on the crown rots them. In the house they will stand plenty of light, but not hot sun. Our seed is saved from the choicest strains and can be relied upon to produce the largest flowers and finest colors. Pkt.

Mixed—Very good; from a fine collection.....10

Fimbriata Filicifolia—Mixed (fern-leaved); beautiful cut-leaved foliage.....20

Fimbriata Globosa—Mixed colors; this is a new strain of Fimbriata, with unusually large flowers of great substance, and colors very clear and pleasing, such as pure white with large lemon eye, deep red, carmine, steel blue, white and pink, striped, flaked with other colors, etc. Extra fine for pot culture.....20

Fimbriata Crimson—Immense large fimbriated flowers of a deep bright crimson color.....15

Fimbriata Cristata Hybrids—Fine new hybrid strain, with crisped foliage, and producing a great diversity of colors, from white to deep crimson.....15

Fimbriata, fl. pl., Double, Mixed Colors—The double Primulas are among the choicest of all window plants, and the admiration of all who see them. The seed we offer is the choicest to be had, and will produce a large per cent. of plants showing magnificent double blossoms.....25

Obconica Hybrids—These are new large flowering Obconicas of various colors, as large and fine as Primula Sinensis. The old white variety is well known, but these new colors and larger flowers are among the very best novelties this year. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. When we introduced these fine Primulas last year people could not realize what a treasure they are, but now they are better known the demand for them is something phenomenal. They bloom very quickly from seed, and the large showy blossoms are borne continually for a year, and when we realize that these flowers are as large as P. Sinensis, and almost as varied in colors, their great value is at once apparent. Vigorous and easily grown.....15

Baby Primrose—Plant very graceful, with slender flower-stalks rising above the light green leaves, and bearing many dainty-colored flowers with yellow center. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant is always in bloom. The foliage grows in a tufty, compact mass, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown in window garden and apartments. Beautiful for cutting. One of the most charming pot plants grown. For winter blooming no plant can beat it. It is perfectly charming at all times of the year.....10

BABY PRIMROSE.

MISCELLANEOUS SEEDS.

Two pages of odd seeds, all of which may be very easily grown by anyone, and all very desirable, especially the Lantern Plant, Nymphæas, Everbearing Strawberries, Japan Maples, etc.

Nymphæa.

Lovely Pond Lilies of which everyone is so fond. Many of the new foreign varieties grow and bloom from seed the first year, and among them there are a great variety of colors, white, yellow, blue, purple, etc. Seed should be sown in a pan or saucer of mud just covered with water. In a warm temperature they will germinate quickly and grow rapidly. These Lilies have a fragrance rich and peculiar, considered by many to be superior to any other flower.

Zanzibarensis, Blue—The grand day-blooming African Water Lily, with enormous incurved flowers of most exquisite coloring, and so profuse blooming that a tub of them is never without flowers from early summer until frost. They grow so rapidly that they will bloom in ten weeks from seed, and are so little trouble anyone can succeed with them. Give them a very rich soil, full sun, and shallow water to start in. The larger the vessel that contains them the ranker they grow, and the larger their flowers, but they will bloom in a common bucket, even. Seed should be sown in cups of soil and tepid water. 15

Zanzibarensis, Red—Like the above except in color, which is a fine purplish red. 15

Dentata—(Night-Blooming Star Lily). There is nothing among water plants finer than this. Opens about four o'clock in the evening and closes at noon the next day. Star-like blossoms, pearly white, and blooms freely from seed the first season 20

Coerulea—A lovely Pond Lily four inches across, and of a beautiful lavender-blue color. It has a remarkable fragrance, differing from all others. 10

Alba—A lovely pure white Water Lily of great beauty and fragrance 10

Nelumbium, or Egyptian Lotus—This is the grand and ancient Egyptian Lotus, a Water Lily of great size and surpassing beauty. It should be planted in rich mud, with one or two feet of water. It flowers the first season, its flower stems rising out of the water to the height of four or six feet, surmounted by a great double pink or white flower, which is a foot or more across. The beautiful, rank leaves are often over two feet across. Either in pots or tubs this plant is in bloom from July to October, and is an object of unsurpassed beauty. 20

Lilium Tenuifolium.

This superb Lily grows freely from seed and blooms abundantly the second summer. A fine lot may be raised in this way 10

Iris Kæmpferi.

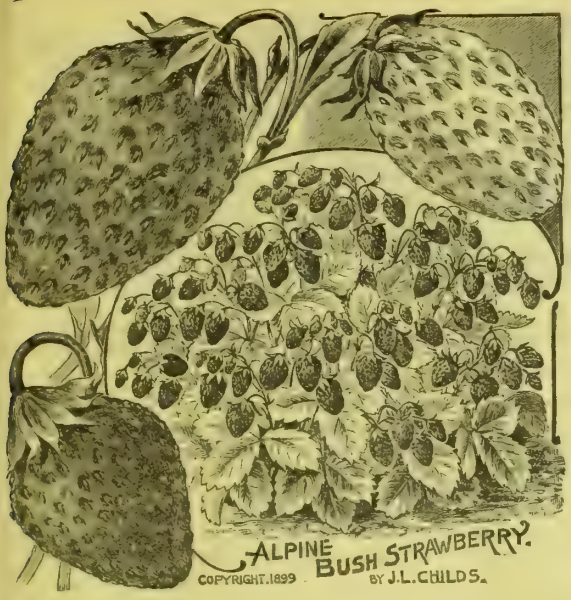
Seedlings bloom well the second summer showing a great variety of colors, and large wavy blossoms, some double and some single 10

Chinese Lantern Plant.

A most magnificent plant for the garden during summer, or for pots. Treated like a Geranium, it grows and fruits freely from seed the first season, yet the plants are perennial and perfectly hardy in the open ground, or may be wintered in the cellar or grown in pots as a window plant. When in fruit during early fall and winter it is a superb pot plant. The plant produces numerous large white flowers, which are followed by large inflated husks, much the shape of Chinese lanterns, at first a beautiful green color, changing to a yellowish hue and then to brightest scarlet, and as they hang suspended among the green foliage they present a most novel and strikingly beautiful appearance. Autumn frosts do not injure foliage or fruit, and it is a showy plant long after all others are killed. In these husks or "lanterns" a fruit is borne, in color a deep ruby-red and good either for cooking, preserving or eating raw, and keeps well into the winter. Branches of "lanterns" cut and dried retain their rich and brilliant color, and make most beautiful winter bouquets when used with dried grasses or leaves. The plant grows from 1¼ to 2 feet in height, clothed with luxuriant foliage, among which is suspended a number of bright "lanterns" all the time, ... 10

"Shoo-Fly" Plant.

An important new plant of the Physilis family. It is claimed that flies will not stay in a room where it is grown if they can conveniently escape, and our tests show such to be the case, though what there is about it that repulses them is not clear, as the plant or flower has no odor. Aside from this most remarkable quality it is a most beautiful flowering plant, and blooms in a very short time (60 days) from seed. It is particularly valuable as a winter bloomer the blossoms being large, cup-shaped and of a lovely light blue color, with a white center. It is a profuse bloomer in pots both summer and winter. In the garden it grows too rank and weedy to be of any value, but as a pot plant it is exquisite 10



Alpine Everbearing Strawberry.

These grow freely from seed and fruit the first summer. Our experience with them is as follows: in March or April we sow seed (under glass). The young plants appear in a short time and grow well, and in May are transplanted to the open ground. By the first of July they commence blooming, and the first fruit ripens about the 14th of that month. From that time there is ripe fruit continually until late in October. The berries, while not quite so large as the garden varieties are much higher flavored. In fact, they are in quality far superior to all others. A few of them will perfume a whole room, so great is their delicious aroma. Who could desire a more unique novelty than this? Grow Strawberries from seed, like Pansies, and have delicious fruit all summer, some white, some red, some black, and some, (the bush varieties) which produce no runners. Per pkt.

Runner Varieties, Mixed—White, crimson and black fruited. These are everbearing, fruiting freely from June till October. The plants increase rapidly by runners, like ordinary sorts. All perfectly hardy in any climate.....10

Bush Varieties—Wonderful berries, having no runners, but growing into immense stool plants; fruit similar to other Alpine; enormous yielder, single plants in this State having yielded one pint of berries at a picking in November. Fine for borders, as they throw out no runners, and are singularly beautiful when loaded with their dense crops of fruit; grow easily from seed, the seedlings bearing well the first summer. Perfectly hardy and of exquisite flavor. City people, or others, who desire to do so, can grow the bush varieties admirably in pots. They are well adapted to pot culture, and will even fruit well during winter.

Everbearing Bush White—Beautiful snow-white fruit of exquisite flavor.....15

Everbearing Bush Red—Like the above, but a fine crimson color.....15

One packet each of the three sorts for 30c.

Ampelopsis Veitchi.

The ever-lovely "Boston Ivy" or Japanese Woodbine. Finest of all hardy wall vines. Grows freely and rapidly from seed, and is the best of all vines to cover a brick or stone wall or brick buildings..... 5

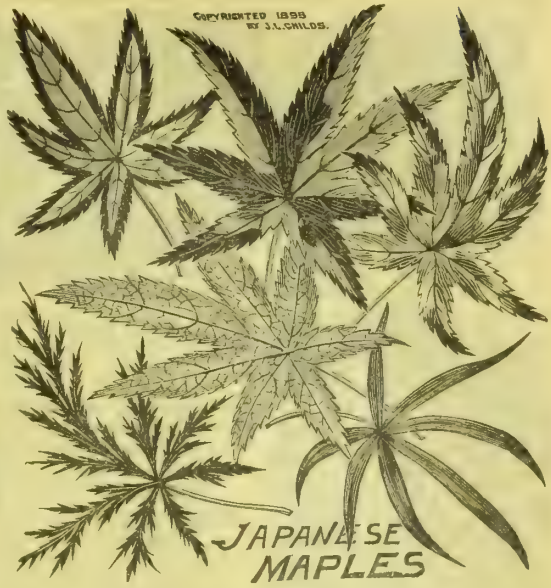
Pæonies.

Officinalis—Mixed; well known garden plant.....10

Tree—Seed imported from Japan; the beautiful and famous Tree Pæony; all colors, mixed.....20

Wistaria Sinensis.

Grand hardy climber of remarkable beauty. Mixed seed of both the white and blue varieties.....10



Japanese Maples

These are the most beautiful, unique, and the highest-priced Ornamental Shrubs to be had; hence they are seldom seen. We have secured from Japan a quantity of seed saved from all the finest varieties (of which there are hundreds), from which our customers can grow a fine lot at little expense. When small they make most charming pot plants, the varied colors and patterns of the leaves making them highly attractive. As they get larger they may be planted permanently on the lawn, as they are hardy, where they will make most beautiful objects. The leaves of the various sorts range in color from dark crimson to pink, green, white, etc., many being beautifully variegated and mottled. Besides their fine colors they are beautifully cut and divided.

Japanese Maples—Mixed seed of many sorts.....10

Freesia.

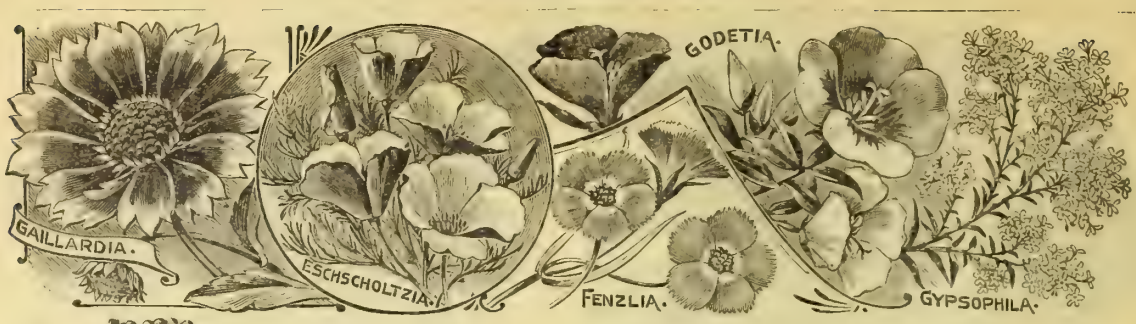
It is not generally known that these beautiful, fragrant flowering plants may be grown to great perfection in four months from seed. Seed may be sown at any time in pots and boxes, or frames, of light, rich soil. They will soon germinate, and under favorable circumstances they will bloom finely within four months from time of sowing.....10

Clematis.

These two fine varieties are easily raised from seed.

Paniculata—A most superb new climber, bearing enormous quantities of snow-white blossoms.....10

Davidiana—The unique bush Clematis, bearing a great profusion of blue blossoms.....10



General List of Flower Seeds.

AT THREE CENTS PER PACKET.

These well-known garden flowers require but little description. We do not claim that our stock and strains of them are extraordinarily fine, as is the case with our Specialties in Choice Select Flower Seeds, which commence on page 9 and run to page 47, but we do claim that they are as good as can be had anywhere, and much better than the average.

Price 3 CENTS Per Pkt.

We have made a uniform price of **3 CENTS PER PACKET** *for these well-known flower seeds. It matters not whether you take one packet or one hundred, the price is* **3 CENTS PER PACKET.**

ASTER, Liliput-Flowered—Plant of medium height, almost smothered beneath a cloud of tiny button-like flowers as double as anything well can be. A charming sort.

ASTER, Washington—Fine exhibition sort. A tall grower of pyramidal habit. The largest-flowered Aster on the list; fine form and splendid colors. Mixed colors.

ASTER, Imbrique Pompon—Fine flowers, almost as round as a ball. Mixed colors.

ARTIMISIA GRACILIS—Beautifully cut, feathery foliage of fine fragrance and great beauty. Its habit of growth is pyramidal, 4 to 5 feet high, and every branch covered with a thick growth of fine, feathery foliage, which is of the brightest emerald green color. It is particularly adapted to cut-flower work, and all will find it useful and highly satisfactory.

ARGEMONE GRANIDFLORA—Flowers of snowy whiteness, the center filled with golden stamens. Its shape is like that of a saucer, opening nearly flat, its immense size making it very conspicuous. Grows 18 inches high, and has beautiful foliage.

AMARANTHUS, Mixed Sorts—Are valuable on acount of their very beautiful and often brilliantly colored foliage, sometimes surpassing the best Coleuses.

ANTIRRHINUM, Tom Thumb—Mixed colors; fine Snapdragons, growing only eight inches high; flowers large; colors very brilliant, orange, scarlet, yellow, maroon, white, rose, striped, etc.

BRACHYCOME (Swan River Daisy)—A graceful, Cineraria-like flower, often called Swan River Daisy. Plants bloom quickly from seed and remain in bloom a long time. Plants only grow from six to eight inches high, and are fine for edgings, as their blossoms are profusely borne and are pretty and attractive; also a fine basket plant for the house.

CALENDULA, Double Mixed—A superb flower; large, double and perfect to the center; rich shades of yellow. A fine plant for fall and winter blooming in pots, being of dwarf, robust habit, blooming all the time.

CALLIOPSIS, Dwarf Compact—Mixed colors; fine low-growing plants, producing thousands of blossoms.

CLEOME (Spider Flower)—A garden flower of superb merit, one that will grow vigorously in any situation and bloom profusely all the time from spring to late fall, caring not for prolonged droughts or for continuously rainy weather. The flowers are borne in large clusters; some are of snowy whiteness, others fine pink, with long, scraggy stamens, which stand out in all directions, suggesting its common name, "Spider Flower."

CALLIOPSIS, Lanceolata (Perennial)—Graceful and profuse blooming plants, with large, striking flowers of a brilliant golden yellow, and remains in bloom all summer. Its long, wiry stems fit it admirably for bouquet making, while its golden cloud of blooms, far above the foliage, makes it a capital bedder.

CENTAUREA CYANUS, Victoria—Forms a dense mass of foliage and branches, above which are borne hundreds of lovely blue blossoms. Grows about one foot high and begins to flower within thirty days after seed is sown.

CENTAUREA CYANUS, Double—A new double-flowered form which comes pretty true. Remarkable for the new shades and combinations of colors it shows.

CHRYSANTHEMUM, Annual, Mixed Colors—Plants grow from 12 to 18 inches high and bear a profusion of blooms, each flower being belted and zoned with the most clear and vivid of colors. This intenseness of coloring has earned them the name of "Painted Daisies."

CELOSIA, Dwarf Feathered, Mixed—Pretty plumes of bright-colored flowers.

CHERIANTHUS, Fairy Queen—This fine little flower is a close relative of the Stocks and Wallflower. One of those bright flowers that give a quick return for one's care, blooming a month after seed is sown, either in garden or pots. One who has never seen them does not realize how bright and pretty their little clusters of maltese-cross shaped flowers are. They form a perfect mass of blooms, and for small bouquets, filling floral baskets, etc., they are just the flower one needs in quantity.

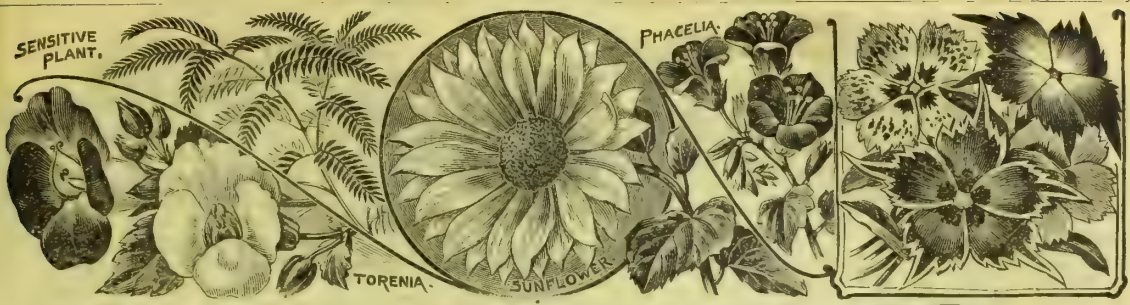
ESCHSCHOLTZIA, Mixed Colors—The Eschscholtzia is one of the hardiest and most easily grown of our annuals. It is also a very showy one, growing rapidly and coming into bloom soon after the plants are above ground. The foliage is finely cut and handsome and the flowers exceedingly showy, large and freely produced.

FENZLIA, Mixed Colors—Charming low-growing plants, forming mat-like tufts of foliage, thickly dotted by a long succession of beautiful white or rose-purple throated flowers. An extra fine little plant for edging or carpet-bedding, or for baskets in the house.

CAILLARDIA, Mixed Colors—These bear a profusion of very highly colored, daisy-like blossoms that are very attractive.

CYSOPHILA ELEGANS—Everyone who is fond of bouquets ought to grow this. It produces long, fine, mist-like sprays of tiny white flowers that are one of the finest things in the world for all cut-flower work, softening all hard lines, toning down all glaring colors and giving the finish to a bouquet that filmy lace does to a rich dress. Blooms very quickly.

GODETIA (Satin Flower)—A handsome flower and particularly useful because it will grow in shady places where so few really fine flowers can be grown. They bloom a long time, and so profusely that the foliage is almost hidden by the many large, wide-open flowers, of shining satin texture, and of the most delicate and lovely colors. Mixed.



HIBISCUS, Hardy Hybrids, Mixed—(PERENNIAL)—A fast-growing perennial that in one season attains the height and dimensions of a shrub. Exceedingly fine for clumps or an ornamental hedge or screen, as they last always, never winter-kill, and in midsummer when shrubbery flowers are scarce, they bear for weeks enormous flowers as large as tea saucers, white, blush, pale and deep pink, rose, etc., the most of them with deeper-hued eye. Plants from spring-sown seed will bloom in September.

HIBISCUS, Golden Bowl—This is a plant which grows about two feet high and begins to bloom early from spring-sown seed, the enormous flower measuring 5 or 6 inches across, beautifully cupped and of the most exquisite, soft, canary-yellow, with large black center.

HONEYSUCKLE, Mixed—Everyone knows the Honeysuckle, with its delicious fragrance, but everyone does not know that it is quite easily grown from seed, blooming the second season, with ordinary care.

LYCHNIS, Burning Star—A blaze of brilliancy for months, if plants are kept from seeding. Star-like blossoms covering the dwarf, bushy plants as with a cloud. Perfectly hardy, and blooms even better the second season than the first. Mixed colors.

MIRABILIS, Tom Thumb—Mixed colors. A new dwarf strain of great beauty. Grows only 12 inches high, and each plant is a compact mass of lovely yellowish leaves, which, in evening, are hidden by hundreds of gay blossoms of all colors and variegations.

MORNING GLORIES—(CLIMBER)—The old-fashioned Morning Glory, as easy to grow as any weed. Brilliant, beautiful flowers of every shade of white, blue, pink, scarlet, and variegated. The standard vine. Mixed, all colors.

MAURANDYA—(CLIMBER)—It has an exceedingly graceful habit, very handsome, dense foliage, pretty, fox-glove-like blossoms, borne in great profusion, and keeps green until after severe frosts. A beautiful vine for hanging baskets, with its dainty white, maroon, and rose-colored blossoms. Mixed colors.

NIGELLA—Often called Love-in-a-mist, from the curious way in which the pretty blue blossoms are veiled by the feathery, close-enveloped foliage. Dwarf mixed.

MIGNONETTE, Pyramidal or Giant Tree—A robust grower with numerous large spikes of flowers. Branches very freely and blooms for a long period; very sweet.

PETUNIA, Nana Compacta—A dwarf bedding Petunia, almost smothered under its load of beautifully variegated flowers, and blooming all summer.

OXALIS, Mixed Colors—Some of the annual Oxalis are very pretty border-plants, and blossom very quickly from seed.

ŒNOTHERA—(EVENING PRIMROSE)—Large, saucer-shaped blooms of the purest white or softest, richest shades of yellow, and deliciously fragrant.

PEAS, Lord Anson, Trailing—These are of a trailing and not of a climbing habit, and are dwarf and bushy, differing greatly from the ordinary Sweet Peas. Their flowers are the largest and most beautiful in form and color of all flowering Peas, and will greatly delight all who plant them. They also commence blooming about three weeks earlier than Sweet Peas, and continue all summer. Two colors, pure white and sky blue mixed.

PASSIFLORA GRACILIS—This "Fairy Passion Vine" is a charming annual; it has pretty light green leaves and is a very dainty and graceful thing for hanging baskets, pots or trellises; will grow to the height of 5 or 6 feet out of doors; the flowers are white followed by seed fruits, at first light green shaded white; when ripe they turn bright shining red and burst open, disclosing fiery scarlet seeds; the entire plant becomes covered with these fruits and the effect is very pretty indeed.

PHACELIA CAMPANULATA—An easily grown annual that will commence to bloom a month from the time seed is sown in open ground. Erect, cup-shaped flowers of a lovely blue. Flowers borne profusely and a long time. One of the loveliest shades of blue.

SCHIZANTHUS, Childs' Winter-Blooming—The "Butterfly Flower." An easily grown plant, bearing quantities of gay, butterfly-like flowers, beautifully marked and spotted. The plants are such profuse bloomers that each branch looks like an immense panicle of lovely blossoms, and closely resembling some species of Orchids. For winter blooming in pots the Schizanthus is one of the most desirable of all flowers. Plants from seed sown in November will be full of bloom from January to May.

SUNFLOWER, New Double Dwarf—Compact grower, with large double flowers.

SUNFLOWER, Multiflorus—If planted singly in good soil, this new Sunflower reaches the enormous height of from 12 to 15 feet, and is richly branched from the base up to the top, each branch bearing a multitude of medium-sized golden-yellow flowers with small black center, which offers an invaluable material for bouquets and garnishing purposes.

SENSITIVE PLANT—(MIMOSA)—A curious plant with delicate, fern-like leaves that fold closely together if thouced, as though they were wilted by a hot blast.

TORENIA, Mixed Colors—A neat pot plant, but of little account for the garden.

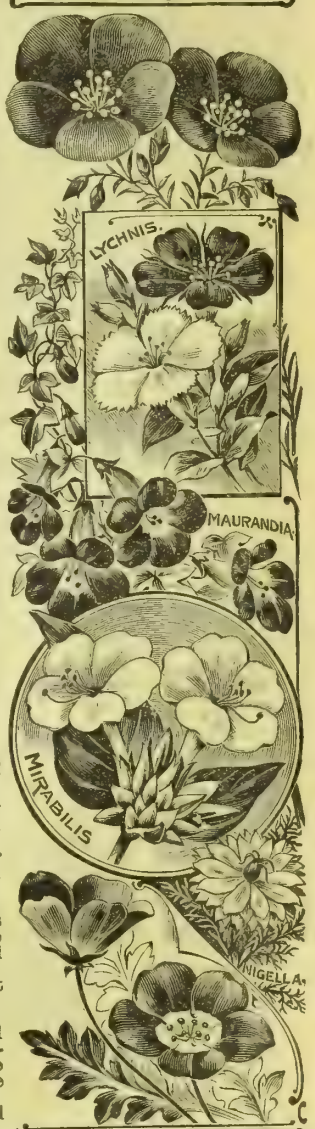
TRAILING HOLLYHOCK—This is a hardy perennial, sending out vines which trail over the ground in a beautiful manner. It is really a beautiful miniature Trailing Hollyhock, the leaves and flowers being similar to that glorious old plant, and it has the double advantage of being a constant bloomer, from early spring until late fall. The flowers are bright crimson in color and produced freely, as are also the vines and foliage.

VIOLET—Seeds slow to germinate, but not at all hard to grow. Every garden should have a good bed of these favorites.

VINCA—Lovely garden or pot plants, producing a profusion of bright blossoms at all times. Seed started early in pots makes lovely blooming plants by early summer, which will continue in growth and bloom for a year. As bedding plants for the garden they rival the Geranium. Their soft and delicate colors and profuse blooming habit make them at all times attractive. Do not omit them. Mixed colors.

VERBESENA, Occidentalis—Blooms profusely from June to October, the blossoms being large, richest and brightest golden-yellow in color, closely resembling a Cosmos, and borne on long, graceful stems. Seed sown in pots at any time during winter will be up and blooming within a few weeks.

YUCCA FILIMENTOSA The stately clumps of stiff, bayonet-like leaves, bristling out from the center in every direction, are extremely ornamental. Flower-stalks grow as high as a man's head, and bear at their summit immense compound panicles of creamy, bell-shaped flowers, each floret two inches across.



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NEW & CHOICE VEGETABLE SEEDS OF SPECIAL MERIT.

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We have determined to offer a selected few of the leading Vegetable Seeds at 3 cts. per packet, and at a correspondingly low price by the oz., and lb. For this purpose we have secured large stocks, all of high class strains. They are better than box seeds at the grocery store, one-half of which, on an average, are yearly returned unsold, and a commission of nearly one-half of what those sold bring is paid to the groceryman; yet the box business is profitable. They are far better than the free seeds distributed by the Government, an abuse now grown so great as to seriously effect the legitimate seed trade, and ruins some of those engaged in it, while the miserable quality of seed distributed aggregates a great loss to those who use it. In short these 3 ct. seeds are first class commercial strains, though they may not come up to our special selected and highly bred strains offered on the following pages, 51 to 69. We offer them in competition with free seeds and box seeds.

ARTICHOKE, Globe—This is cultivated for its unopened flower-buds, which are cooked like Asparagus. Oz., 20c.

BEET, Improved Early Blood Turnip Very fine quality, and an old popular sort. Oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

BEET, Improved Long Smooth Red—Long, handsome roots, of fine quality. A great cropper and a good keeper. Oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

CARROT, Improved Long Orange—A very popular variety for stock feeding. Heavy cropper. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

CABBAGE, All-Seasons—As the name would indicate, good for all seasons—early, medium or late. A sure header and long keeper; quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for market almost as early as the standard early sorts. Oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

CABBAGE, Early Express—Fine quick growing sort, and a favorite everywhere. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.25.

CAULIFLOWER, Autumn Giant—Extra large and fine. Oz., 50c.

CELERY, Boston Market—One of the very best. Oz., 10c., lb., $1.40.

CRESS, Extra Curled—An appetizing relish, of fresh, piquant taste, often added to lettuce and other fresh salads for variety. Very easy to grow and can be sown in any little nook or vacant spot. Oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

CUCUMBER, Green Prolific Pickling—A standard pickling variety, with slender, dark green fruit, very crisp. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

CUCUMBER, Improved Early Russian—One of the most valuable. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, and that in hot, dry weather that crisps nearly every other varity, root and branches. Oz., 10c.; lb., 65c.

EGG PLANT, Improved Spineless—It is of the N. Y. Purple type, but much larger in size, and of the richest glossy purple color. In quality it is unsurpassed. Its stems and leaves are devoid of spines and the plants can be handled without discomfort. Oz., 25c.

GROUND CHERRY—Something like the old Husk Tomato. Easily grown on any light soil and very prolific bearers of tender little fruits, each enclosed in a husk. For pies, sauce and preserves they are much liked, and if left in the husks will keep a long time in a cool, dry room. Oz., 20c

LETTUCE, Golden Heart—A very handsome, large-growing variety of rich golden yellow color. Good quality, grows quickly and is ready to use early. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

LETTUCE, Curled Simpson—A fine sort, still able to hold its own against all new-comers. In every respect this is a first-class sort, and always popular. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

MUSKMELON, Bay View—A very profitable sort to grow, as they will yield 3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre, and these large, handsome ones, of sweet, delicious flavor, popular with both buyer and seller. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

ONION, Yellow Danvers—A fine standard variety. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

ONION, Southport Red Globe—Fine globe-shaped and a good cropper. Oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

PEPPER, Large Bell—A fine old standard sort, large, bell-shaped. Oz., 15c.; lb., $2.00.

PUMPKIN, Large Cheese—An old standard sort, and a grand variety for large field crop. Oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

RADISH, Early Scarlet Turnip—A fine quick-growing early Radish, of fine eating qualities. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

SQUASH, Sibley—Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry and rich in flavor. A fine baking variety. Oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

SWEET CORN, Early Minnesota—One of the best very early sorts. Pint, 15c.

SQUASH, Perfect Gem—This sort is good for summer and winter use. Thin skinned, fine grained and of very pleasant flavor. Will keep almost any length of time. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

TOMATO, Ignotum—Esteemed as the perfection of a Tomato. Extremely early and a great cropper. Fruits large, smooth, without green spots or cores, and almost entirely free from cracks or rotten spots. Oz., 15c.; lb., $2.

TOMATO, Peach—A distinct, medium sized Tomato, of very peculiar but pleasant flavor. The fruit of this Tomato is about the size and shape of a peach, and is of soft, peachy-red color. Oz., 15c.; lb., $2.00.

TURNIP, Early Flat Dutch—Clear, white skin, and juicy, crisp flesh. A fine sort for either market or home garden. Oz., 5c.; lb., 45c.

TURNIP, Purple Top Ruta-baga—Oz., 5c.; lb., 45c.

WATERMELON, Mountain Sweet—A fine old sort, so deliciously sweet and tender that it will almost melt in one's mouth. The best variety for the extreme North, where few Watermelons succeed. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

WATERMELON, Phinney—An early, oval variety, prolific, sweet and crisp. One of the best. Oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

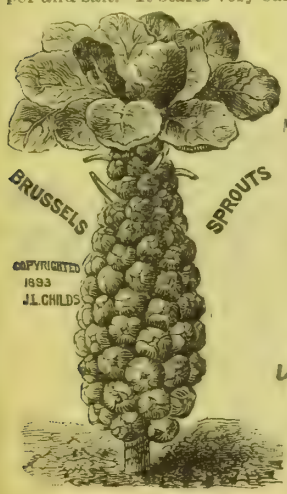
VEGETABLE SEEDS.

What we say about our Flower Seeds on page 9, may be said about our Vegetable Seeds. We grow and offer but a limited number of varieties, only those which possess the greatest value for the home garden and the markets. These varieties are also special stocks, cultivated, selected and improved until they have reached the highest mark of perfection which it is possible to attain.

Beets and Turnips, round, smooth, uniform, tender; Cabbage, large, solid, crisp, sure-heading and long-keeping; Tomatoes, large, smooth, uniform, perfect in color, shape and quality; Lettuce, crisp, beautiful, and delicious; Corn, rich, sugary, tender and perfect; Melons, of high flavor, quick and robust growth, perfect and luscious; Onions, uniform in size, perfect in shape, delicate in taste; Squashes, early and late, of high quality; Radishes, crisp, mild, perfect in shape and color, and of quick growth. These are all points which we have brought to perfection in our prize strains of Garden Vegetables. Our thousands of customers in every nook and corner of the country know this, and to them we refer those who have never used our Seeds. They can be found everywhere, for we suppy nearly half a million planters direct, which is more than the combined output of any other two houses in the world, and is in itself the best possible endorsement of the high quality of our Seeds.

Asparagus.

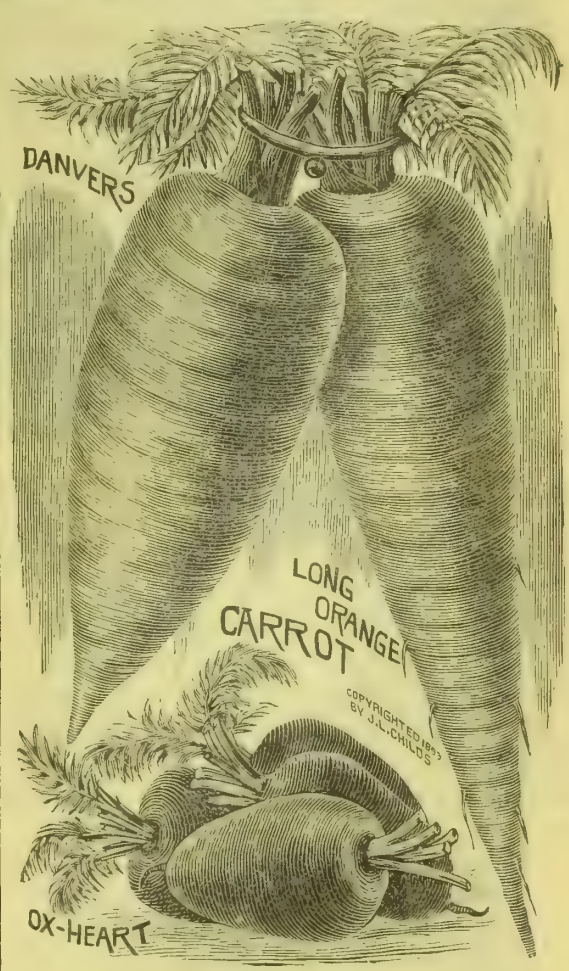
The earliest vegetable of spring, with a delicious flavor as of green peas. Every family should have a large bed full. Seed grows very readily. Sow in rows one foot apart, and keep free from weeds. Transplant the second year into permanent beds, setting plants two feet apart. Have the ground very rich and mellow and give the soil an annual top-dressing of rotten manure. Nothing more delicious than Asparagus tips stewed until tender, then season with butter, pepper and salt. It starts very early in spring and lasts in cutting condition eight weeks. The largest and finest sort grown. Seed, 10c. per pkt.; 20c. per oz.; $1.50 per lb. Fine two-year-old roots, 50c. per doz.; $2.50 per 100.



Brussels Sprouts.

Defiance—A finely bred, large and tender strain of this delicious vegetable. Stem tall and covered with tender little heads, or "sprouts," from top to bottom. Quality very fine when cooked and served like Cabbage. This splendid vegetable should be more generally grown. All who have tried it prefer it to Cabbage. It is easily grown and those who once try it always grow it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Matchless—A variety of vigorous growth and fine, solid sprouts of the very best quality. An extra fine sort, which is highly prized in Europe. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.



Carrot.

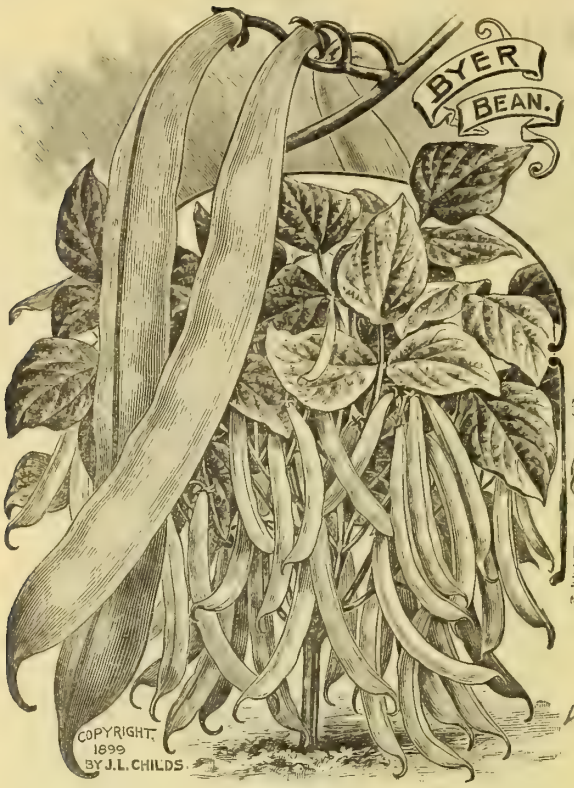
Popular both for table and stock. A heavy cropper. Roots can be kept for winter like Beets and Turnips.

Danvers—(Private Stock.) The true strain. No better to be found anywhere. All gardeners know the importance of securing the best seed to grow really fine crops. This can be relied upon as the best seed to be obtained at any price. It will yield 30 tons per acre. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 80c.

Improved Long Orange—Heavy cropper. See page 50.

Oxheart—An early table sort; small and short, but fine grained and tender. Can be forced or sown in the garden for early use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

New Long Yellow Stump-Rooted—This new Carrot produces long, tapering roots which are well stumped or rounded at the base. They are of most excellent quality for the table. They are so productive as to be one of the most profitable varieties to grow. The distinct yellow coloring is a novelty. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; per lb., 65c.



Beans.

One of the most delicious of all vegetables, and one that may be had in great abundance all the season. Sow successively every two or three weeks from early May to end of July. Those sown latest, and which mature in September, October, or November, will be the best. String Beans are better in autumn than at any other time.

New Early Golden-Eyed Wax, (Bush) — Ten days earlier than any other golden wax, and, moreover, is absolutely rust proof. An immense bearer, and pods tender and crisp. A superb market sort because of its beautiful color and uniformity. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Extra Early Refugee, (Bush)—The earliest strain of Refugee by ten days. One of the most profitable Beans ever grown. Loaded with pods in any season, and of a fine quality. Grown by all market gardeners, who are always quick to pick up a good thing and to stick to it after they once see it. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Byer, (Bush)—This out-ranks any other Bush or Snap Bean so far introduced. In quality it is the best, and in productiveness it will more than double any other variety. The Michigan Agricultural Station, where this Bean was tested, says of it in their Bulletin, No. 153, issued in February, 1898: "The Byer Bean,—Plants of healthy vigorous growth, very branching and productive. The pods are five to six inches long, round, nearly straight, green in color, very brittle and fine in quality. The plants are very productive, and have a long season of bearing. It is a valuable sort for the home garden or market." The Bulletin than goes on to give the comparative tests. This table shows that one plant of the Byer Bean produces 271 pods, weighing 47 ounces. The variety which approaches next to it was Stringless Green Pod, with 121 pods, 20¼ ounces. From that the number ranges down to 15 pods, 2½ ounces, in Union White Valentine. This shows that the Byer is more than twice as productive as the best of the twelve other varieties tested. We do not think we need to say any more in recommendation of it. Price, 10c. per pkt.; per pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Yosemite Monster Wax, (Bush)—Mammoth pods eight or ten inches long, as thick as one's finger, and very fleshy and thick-meated. Color a rich golden yellow, very clear and wax-like. Bush an enormous bearer, and sure to attract attention anywhere from the size of its great pods. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Improved Golden Wax, (Bush)—Large golden pods, tender and wax-like. A fine variety. Pkt., 5c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

BEAN, BUSH LIMA.

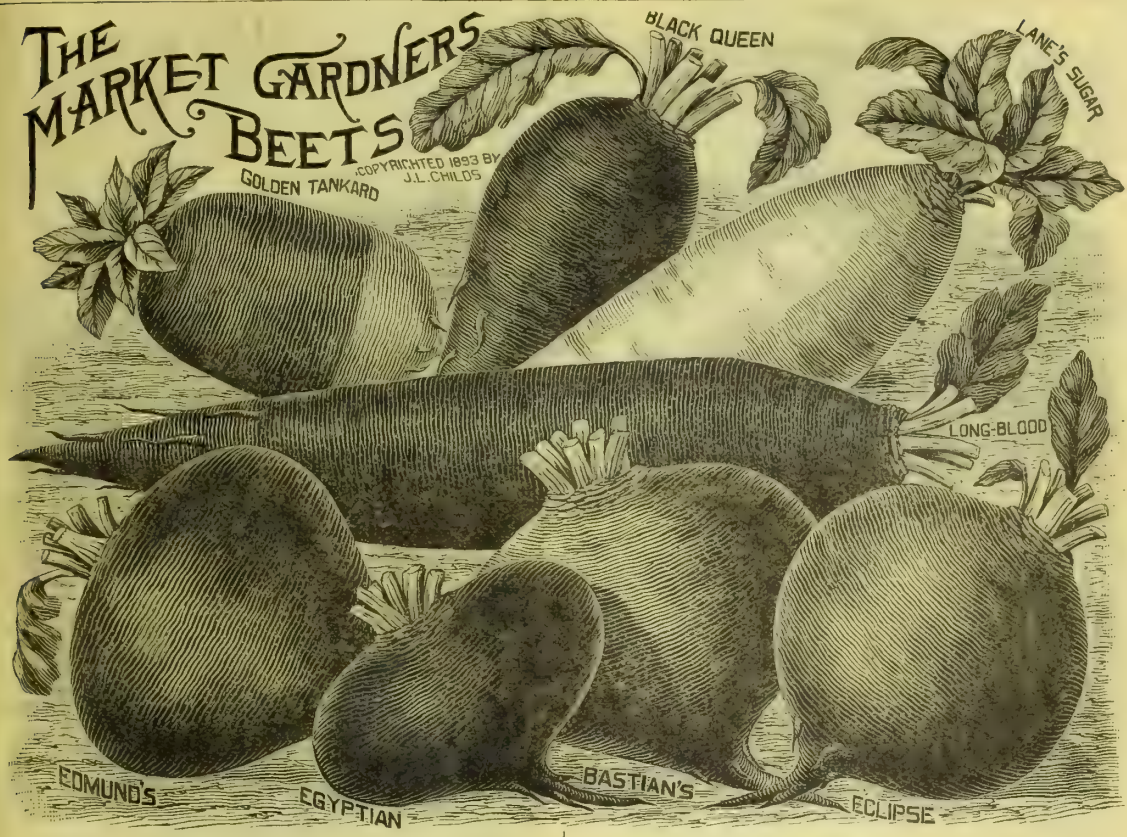
Burpee's Bush Lima, (Bush)—This grows 18 to 20 inches high, of stout growth, erect, branching vigorously into a fine circular bush two or three feet in diameter. This bush character is permanently established, and not two per cent. will attempt to throw up runners. Leaves of large size, healthy and vigorous, leathery and dark emerald green, showing great health and strong constitution. It is the only bush form of the large-seeded Lima, and ten times more valuable than the small-seeded sorts. Its yield is quite wonderful, each bush producing 50 to 200 large pods, well filled with beans of great size, and of the true, rich, luscious Lima flavor. It is a matter of congratulation that we can now raise the true large Lima without poles. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 45c.

Mammoth Podded Lima, (Pole)—(King of the Garden)—The Limas have a distinct, rich, buttery flavor, very different from all other sorts, and are much liked by most people either to use green or dry. Used as Shell Beans only. We consider this variety the finest of all, with enormous pods containing four to six immense Beans in each. Give a hot, sunny location. Boil until tender, pour off the water, and season with butter, salt and a little cream. Pkt., 15c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 55c.

Lazy Wife's, (Pole)—The old standby. Never fails to produce loads of round, thick-fleshed pods, fine for snaps and last long in perfect condition. Fine as a Shell Bean and of superior quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Early Golden Cluster, (Pole)—This bears a profusion of handsome golden pods, six to eight inches long, and continue in bearing a long time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; qt., 50c.

YOSEMITE MONSTER WAX.



Beet.

The sweet, tender roots of Beets are very fine for summer, fall and winter use, while the tops are very useful for greens. Vinegar in which Beets have been pickled is often used to pickle hard-boiled eggs, as it gives them a beautiful color and pleasant flavor. When young and tender, Beets are most delicious if boiled or steamed until tender, then sliced or chopped into small pieces and seasoned with butter, etc.

Edmand's Blood Turnip—This is winning golden opinions everywhere. Smooth, round shaped, exceedingly sweet and tender, and never coarse, tough or stringy. Very early, but remains in good condition for a long time. An extra fine market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Eclipse—A very early Beet of beautiful dark, rich color, and smooth, round shaped. Quality of the very best. Our strain is pure. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Detroit Early Dark Red Turnip—This is claimed to be perfection itself. Early, smooth, uniform, quick growth, small top, tender, and darkest red color. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Black Queen—A fine new sort of extra fine appearance and quality. Flesh of rich, black-red color, and leaves and stalks partaking of the same ruby color. Root pear-shaped, smooth, well buried in the ground. A very distinct variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

Improved Early Blood Turnip—Very fine quality, and an old popular sort. See page 50.

Early Egyptian Dark Turnip—Another fine standard sort; very early, high flavored, sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Improved Long Smooth Red—Long, handsome roots, of fine quality. A great cropper and a good keeper. See page 50.

Bastian's Blood Turnip—An early, quick-growing sort highly esteemed by all market gardeners, as it is large, deep red in color, and very tender and rich when cooked, never losing its fine color. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 75c.

Lane's White Sugar—This is the well-known "Sugar Beet" so largely planted for sugar. Sweetest of all. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

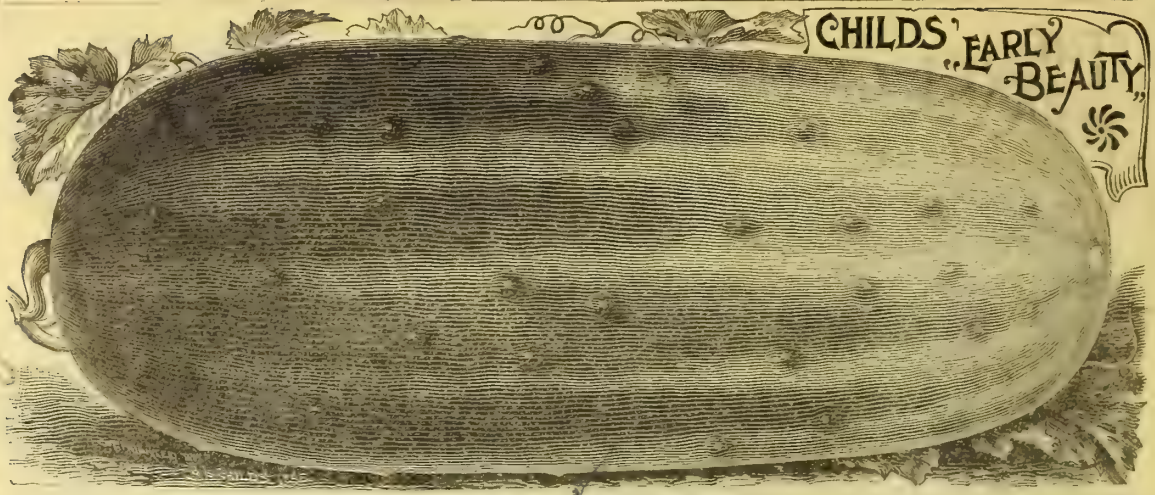
Mangle, Mammoth Long Red—This grows to weigh 20 to 30 pounds, and is calculated to produce upwards of 50,000 pounds of roots to the acre. Animals are very fond of it and the roots are very nutritious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.; 5 or 10 lb. lots, by express, 30c. per lb.

Mangle, Golden Tankard—A new yellow sort, very sweet and tender. Large, oval roots, much easier to pull than the Long Mangels. A heavy cropper. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.; 5 or 10 lbs. lot, by express, 30c. per lb.

ASPARAGUS BEET.

The Asparagus Beet.

A wonderful new vegetable which we offered last year for the first time, after a careful test which has thoroughly demonstrated its value. The leaves are large, light green, and finely curled and crinkled, and are used for greens, for which we find them most excellent. But the great value of the plant is its large, fleshy mid-rib of the leaves, which are cut and cooked like Asparagus, and are *extra fine*. As a substitute for Asparagus nothing could be better, and it may be cut and used all summer. A most valuable new vegetable. Fit for use 2 to 8 months from seed. Pkt., 10c.



Cucumber.

Do not try to grow Cucumbers in poorly prepared ground. Make low, flat hills from four to six inches apart, each hill two or three feet across, and thoroughly pulverize sixteen to eighteen inches deep. Mix a large shovelful of rotten manure in the soil of each hill, and plant from six to eight seeds in each, as some are apt to fail. If bugs appear, dust with slug shot or with lime and soot. Allow no fruit to ripen on vines. For pickles and late Cucumbers seed can be sown as late as July.

Childs' Early Beauty—A most remarkable and valuable early Cucumber, first offered last year. It is a sport from Early Siberian, and has that variety's great value as a cropper. It is as early as Extra Early Russian, though twice as large as that variety, and keeps its lively green color to a very late state of growth, and will supplant all other early sorts, such as Siberian, Russian, Green Prolific, Thorburn's Everbearing, etc., for it is not only earlier, but larger and much finer in every respect. It is even so fine that it has been called Early White Spine, though it has no relation to that superb late variety. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.00.

Long China—A very solid Cucumber, with few seeds, and growing eighteen to twenty inches long. A fine and prolific varity. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $1.25.

Thorburn's Everbearing—Claimed to even excel the Early Russian in its everbearing character, producing fruit in immense quantities, whether fruit is allowed to ripen on the vines or not. Fine for table or for pickles. Cucumbers short and thick. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 60c.

Childs' Ivory Monarch—An ivory-white Cucumber, growing nearly two feet in length and weighing five or six pounds. Six times larger than any other sort. It is really a monster, and when half grown exceedingly fine in quality. Its enormous size, great beauty and oddity make it one of the finest vegetables for exhibition at fairs, and it never fails to capture first prize. Its flesh is thick and solid, with a very small seed cavity, and notwithstanding its size, it has fewer seed than any other Cucumber we ever saw. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Improved Early Russian—One of the most valuable, especially in the South. It is so very dwarf, hills need be only three feet apart, yet it is one of the most prolific varieties of all, bearing its short, plump fruits in clusters, and if not allowed to ripen seed will bear from June until October, and that in hot, dry weather that crisps nearly every other variety, root and branches. See page 50.

Bennett's White Spine—(Private Stock). Our seed from this is saved from one of the finest stocks on Long Island, and Long Island leads the world on choice garden vegetables. These Cucumbers grow seven to ten inches long, uniformly plump and full to the very ends, a glossy dark green in color. A superior quality in every respect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Early Green Cluster—A prolific variety, with crisp, brittle fruit. A fine pickling variety. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Cherkin—Small, thick, oval fruit, very prickly, crisp and tender. Used only for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Green Prolific Pickling—A standard pickling variety, with slender, dark green fruit, very crisp. See page 50.

Japanese Climbing—This Cucumber is such a strong and vigorous grower that the vines attain twice the length of ordinary varieties. The vines climb readily, and they may be grown on fences, poles or trellises, thus saving much valuable space in small gardens. The fruits are of a fine, lovely green color, about a foot in length. Flesh thick and firm and of splendid quality. Never bitter and exceedingly fine for pickling as well as for slicing. The vines never mildew, and the fruit being raised well above the ground is always free from insects, rot or rust. When picked freely, a vine will continue bearing during the entire season, and one hill will keep a good size family supplied with this delicious vegetable all summer. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.

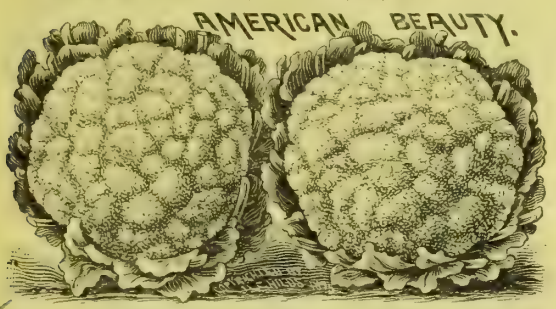
African Horned—When fully grown it is the size of a small Muskmelon, oblong, and covered with protruding points or horns. For eating it should be taken before it is too old. In quality it is simply luscious having the pure Cucumber flavor in a degree of delicacy and refinement not before seen. It is exceedingly tender and consequently easily digested. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

One packet each of the eleven sorts, 60c.

Cauliflower.

The most luscious of all the Cabbage family. Requires high cultivation and rich soil. Cook by steaming until tender, then dress with drawn butter and serve hot. It is one of the most delicious of all garden vegetables.

Snow Ball—One of the very best varieties for early culture. Dwarf, compact grower, with large heads of snowy whiteness and delicious flavor. This is a sure header, very early, but valuable for late as well as for early Cauliflowers. Pkt., 15c.; oz., $2.50.; lb., $30.



American Beauty—A fine hardy Cauliflower, especially adapted to American soil and climate, as it is an American strain and American grown seed. Heads early, size large, quality the very best. Pkt., 10.; oz., $2.25.

Earliest Dwarf Erfurt—Valuable for garden culture and an extra fine forcing sort. Our strain of this is the finest to be had in Germany, and it is considered to be the perfection of all Cauliflowers. Pkt., 20c.; ¼oz., $1.00; oz., $3.75.

GOLDEN SELF-BLANCHING.

Celery.

A vegetable at once healthful, toothsome and beautiful. Said by physicians to be of great benefit in all diseases of the nerves and kidneys. Deliciously fresh, crisp and nutty to the taste, and with the broad stalks ivory white, waxy yellow or rose red, tipped with finely compound leaflets of pale, glaucous green, are ornaments to the finest table. Sow early in house or hot-bed and transplant, or sow outdoors when the ground becomes warm, making the soil very smooth. When plants are four or five inches high transplant, giving six inches between plants in the row. Have the soil very fine and rich, plant in trenches, and as the plants grow draw the earth closely around them, to blanch the stems. Never do this in wet weather, or the stems will rust. South of the Ohio, Celery can remain in the ground all winter with a little protection. In the North, plants should be taken up and stacked closely together, with soil firmed around the roots, and kept in cellar or pit for use.

Giant Pascal—A sport from the Golden Self-Blanching, of immense size, broad, thick, stringless stalks, remarkably crisp and nutty, easy to blanch, and the very best keeper of any Celery. The huge stalks of this kind will "snap" like glass, they are so tender, and they never are watery or strong. Fine market sort, and one of the very best for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $1.75.

White Plume—One of the most beautiful of all, and the earliest. Brittle, fine grained and the easiest known sort to blanch. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25.; lb., $2.00.

Golden Self-Blanching—Fine to follow White Plume. An exceedingly fine flavored sort; blanches easily to a beautiful golden yellow, and is very brittle and crisp. No garden complete without it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.50.

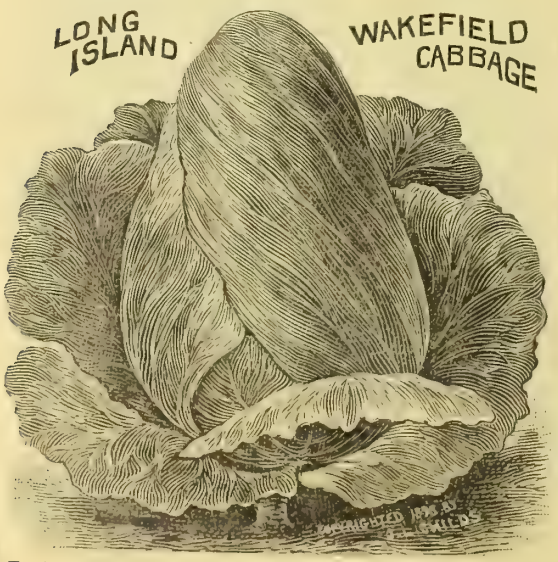
New Rose—A fine rose-colored Celery of high flavor, crisp and nutty. Much liked. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Giant Turnip-Rooted, or Celeriac—Bulbs like a small turnip, with a pronounced Celery flavor, excellent sliced and cooked for stews, salads, soups, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

Cabbage.

There is no garden vegetable grown that success or failure so plainly depends upon the quality of seeds sown. Poor seed of Cabbage is dear at any price. Our seed is all raised on Long Island, where the finest Cabbages in the world are grown. We could buy common Cabbage seed for very much less, but we know our customers would rather pay a little more and get seed they can rely upon. Three things are necessary to raise fine Cabbage—extra good seed, rich, mellow soil and thorough cultivation.

Long Island—A new early sort of great value, and one which can be grown for early, medium and late crops, either at the North or South. It is very early, of large size, uniform, and a sure header; it does not burn or blister, but retains its lustrous, fresh green color even after being shipped to distant markets; hence its great selling qualities. By those who have grown it, it is said to be the most valuable Cabbage in cultivation, and from our experience we can say that it really is the finest and most profitable sort to grow, either North or South. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

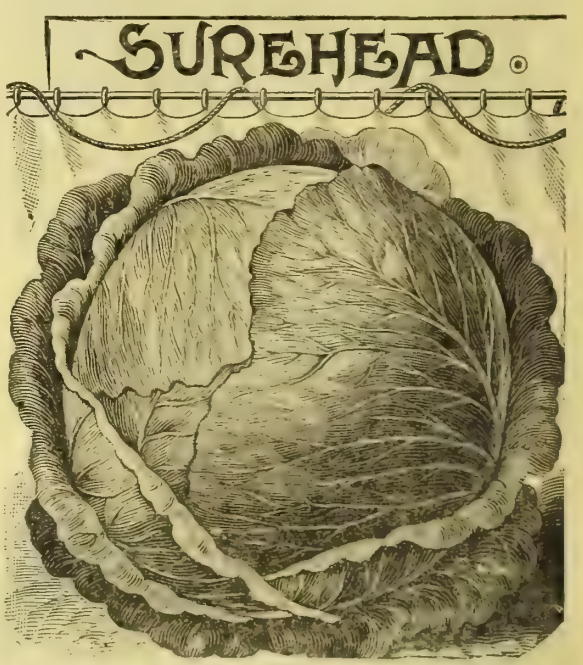


Early Long Island Wakefield—A standard variety, early and of fine quality. By all odds the best and most profitable early sort to grow in any part of the country. Our strain is perfect. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Newark Early Flat Dutch—An early large Cabbage of excellent quality, of the flat-head type. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Excelsior Large Flat Dutch—This is a fine strain of Flat Dutch, always a standard sort, particularly in the South and Southwest, as it heads well in hot weather. Quality good and size large. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

Winningstadt—This is a German variety; very distinct, with large, pointed heads, solid and closely packed. Very fine quality and exceedingly popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.



True Surehead—This is also of the Flat Dutch type, and therefore very certain to head, however hot and dry the weather. The heads are large, round and flat and very hard and firm of texture, fine grained, and of most excellent quality. It is also a remarkably good shipper and keeper, and is bound to become a universal favorite. For years our True Surehead Cabbage seed has been the leading sort with thousands of market gardeners. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

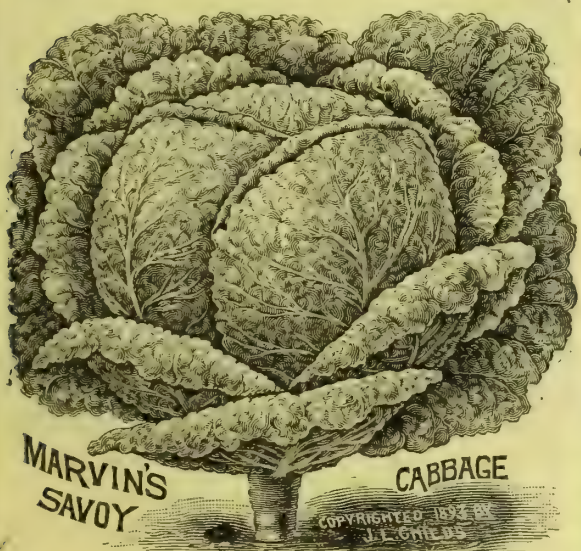
Danish—A remarkably fine Cabbage from Denmark, having qualities which are lacking in any standard American variety. Heads medium size, uniform, round, and remarkably solid. It is a fine shipper. For a late Cabbage for winter use it has no superior, being of good size for family use and of extra good quality; crisp and tender, better than any Cabbage with a less solid head can possibly be. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $3.00.

All-Seasons—As the name would indicate, good for all seasons—early, medium or late. A sure header and long keeper; quality very fine. It is a remarkably good new sort. Head large and solid, round with flat top, finest quality, and ready for marketing almost as early as the standard early sorts. See page 50.

Vandergaw—A highly bred Cabbage that could hardly be improved in any respect. Compact, short-stemmed, sure to head, with heads very uniform and hard, few outer leaves, and quality of the very best; crisp, fine-grained, and delicate and delicious flavor. Can be used as second early, main crop, or as a late Cabbage, by sowing seed in succession. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Perfection Drumhead Savoy—The Savoy Cabbage are not nearly as much grown as they ought to be. Easily distinguished by their crisped, wrinkled leaves and their distinct marrow-like flavor when cooked, approaching the taste of Cauliflower more nearly than any other Cabbage. This is one of the best Savoys. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

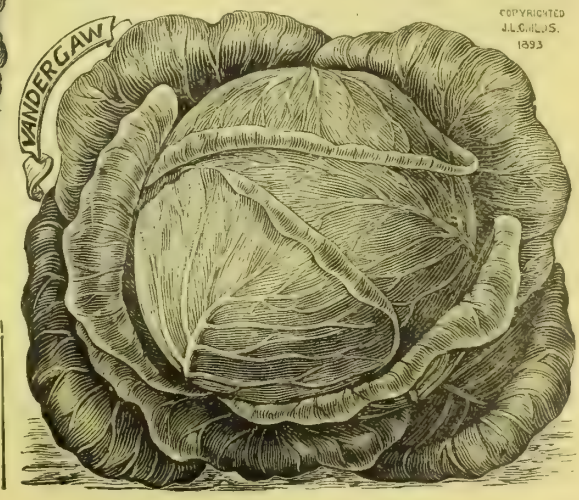
World Beater—A new Cabbage, as large or larger than Marblehead Mammoth, yet uniform in size and true to type, and a *very solid header*. No doubt it is the very best mammoth Cabbage to be had. Originated here on Long Island by a noted grower. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.25.



Marvin's Savoy—An extra fine Savoy. A sure header, with large, wrinkled heads, that are delightfully tender and crisp. A fall and winter Cabbage, keeping well and not losing its flavor. The best of all Savoys, which have the most delicious flavor and are more crisp and tender than other Cabbages. A superb sort for the home garden. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

Red Dutch—The most popular pickling Cabbage. Large, deep red. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $2.00.

One pkt. each of these 13 sorts for 70c.



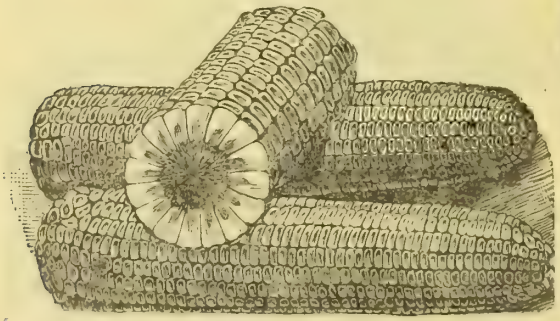
Sweet Corn.

Every family garden ought to have a selection of Sweet Corn, from the earliest to the latest varieties. Fine for drying, as well as for summer table use.

Childs' Honey Dew—For years seedsmen have been working to get a corn as early as the Cory, with large ear, white cob and superb qualities of the later varieties. We at last have it. Childs' Honey Dew is not only the earliest, but has a good sized ear, white cob, and large, pearly kernels of the very finest quality, tender, sweet and nutritious. It also keeps in good condition a long time before hardening, and runs perfectly uniform, each ear exactly alike. It grows to medium height, and the ears are formed low and two to three on each stalk. Mr. Willard, the extensive seed-corn grower of Weathersfield, Conn., says: "It is the finest Early Corn." It is the most profitable corn to plant, combining, as it does good size and color, luscious quailty, handsome appearance and long keeping, and earliest to mature. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c. We will send a peck, by express, for $1.00, or a bushel for $3.50.

Shoe Peg, Ne Plus Ultra, or Quaker Sweet — One of the very best eating varieties grown. An old sort, but none the less valuable on that account. Very deep kernels of the sweetest and most appetizing flavor, and one of the best of all for drying and canning. A prolific and thoroughly reliable Corn. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

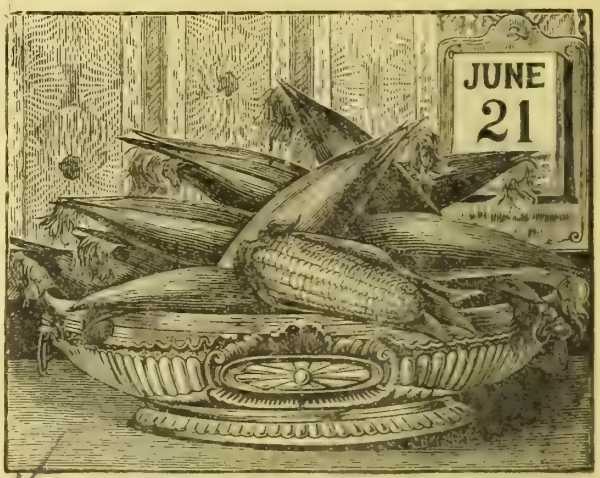
Mammoth—Immense ears of superb quality; very late. Can scarcely be omitted from a first-class garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.



EVERGREEN SWEET CORN.

Evergreen—The standard late sort, and probably the all-round best Sweet Corn grown. It has magnificent large ears, deep kernels, small cob, and possesses the finest flavor, being tender and juicy. A favorite with everybody, and must have a place in every garden. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

Cory Extra Early—One of the most valuable early Corns grown. One to two weeks earlier than any other sort, except Childs' Honey Dew, while the ears are plump and of good size and quality, sweet, tender and delicious. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.



Early Maine, or June 21st—This is one of the very earliest and by the way, one of the finest sorts grown. For an early variety it is of large size, with large pearly white kernels, which are very highly flavored. It is not subject to the Corn disease, and is the surest cropper of any extra early sort. We can recommend it very highly. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

Pop Corn, Ruby Beauty.

This new Pop Corn is to our mind the finest variety yet seen. It is of the rice type, with beautiful ears and kernels, of the richest ruby red color. Grows quickly, ripens early, and when popped expands into a great flake-like puff, which is tender and delicious. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.

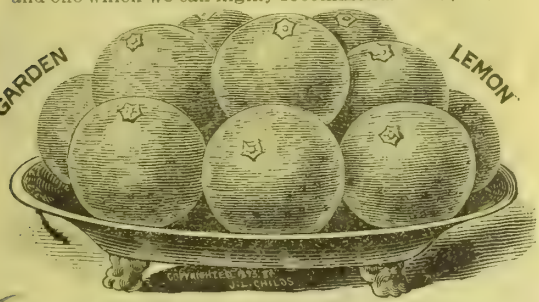
Egg Plant.

New York Improved—Very popular in all the city markets. This is the easiest, finest and largest variety grown and is a fine sort for either market or private garden. Start seed in hot-bed and transplant into warm, rich, mellow soil. The fruit is very handsome, large, smooth, and round, and of a rich, shining purple-black color, and is borne until frost. Cook by cutting into half or quarter-inch slices, and, after paring, dip them into salted water for an hour; then dip in beaten egg and cracker crumbs and fry in hot fat until golden brown. It has a meaty flavor much liked by everybody. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.; lb., $3.50.

Improved Spineless—See page 50.

Prolific Tree—(NEW)—Grows tall and branches freely, holding its numerous fruits well above ground. Fruit *very large*, 20 inches in circumference, and of superb quality and extra early, bearing for a long season and keeping well. In all round good points it is a wonder and one of the finest vegetable novelties in a long time. Pkt., 10c.; oz., $1.00.

White Pearl—This new, pure white Egg Plant is a most beautiful vegetable, as well as the finest in quality of all Egg Plants. Very tender, delicate and highly flavored. Ripens early, fruit of large size and borne freely. Really one of the very best vegetable novelties a long time, and one which we can highly recommend. Pkt., 10c.



Garden Vine Fruit.

Carden Lemon—This new vegetable is a great boon to all those sections of the country where fruit is scarce, as its fruits make delicious preserves, sauce etc., and are more easily prepared. This is something like the Vine Peach, but needs no Lemon in putting up, as it is much more acid. Cultivation like the Muskmelon. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.;

Vine Peach—This sort has fruits the size of a large Peach, and of a bright orange color, flesh firm and when cooked with lemon to give it a slight acidity, makes fine pies, sauce, sweet pickles or preserves. Easily grown, and a good keeper. Stored in a cool, dry place they keep fresh and good for several months. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.

Leek, New Giant Italian.

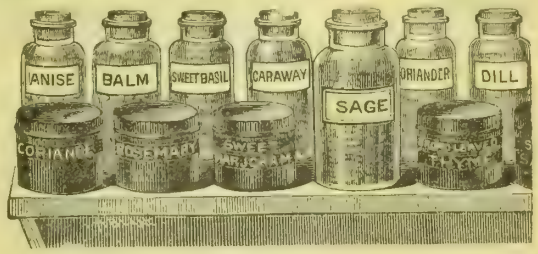
The Leek is a very hardy, easily-grown vegetable, of mild, agreeable flavor, and is much used for soups, stews, etc., as its flavor is more delicate than that of the Onion. This is a new and very large variety, the best for general cultivation. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.; lb., $2.00.

Kohl Rabi.

Extra Early Vienna—A curious vegetable, in appearance half-way between a Turnip and a Cabbage, with a turnip-like swelling of the stems above ground, which, while young and tender, has a delicious Cauliflower-like flavor, very appetizing and pleasant. Very easily grown. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

Kale, Dwarf German.

Kale is very easily grown and much hardier than any Cabbage, standing the winters well, if protected by a little light litter or straw. The action of frost improves its flavor wonderfully, and it is particularly fine for winter and early spring greens. Sow seed in May or June and transplant as for Cabbage. For spring use they may be sown as late as September. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.



Herbs.

Indispensable to the cook, useful in the sick room, and many kinds fine for perfuming clothing, etc.

	Pkt.	oz.
Anise—For flavoring	5	10
Balm—Very fragrant leaves; medicinal	5	10
Caraway—Seed extensively used for flavoring	5	10
Coriander—Used for flavoring cakes, etc	5	10
Dill—Used to impart a pleasant flavor to pickles	5	20
Hoarhound—Used for curing coughs and colds	5	10
Lavender—Fragrant leaves used to scent clothing	5	40
Sage—Most useful of all; needed in every garden	5	20
Sweet Fennel	5	20
Sweet Majoram—Pot herb	6	15
Tansy—For medicinal use	5	30
Thyme	5	40
Savory, Summer—Fine for flavoring, dressing, etc.	5	15
Rosemary—Aromatic and medicinal. Very fragrant; also a moth preventative	10	50
Wormwood—A splendid plant for poultry	5	20

One packet each of the fifteen fine sorts, 50c.

Dandelion.

Improved Large Leaved—The old "greens" of our grandmothers, now improved to large, tufty plants, with wide, long leaves of superior quality. These make a very healthful, nutritious and pleasant food that can be used very early in the season. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.

Lettuce.

An indispensable vegetable—certainly the finest salad plant known. Easily grown, either in hot-bed or garden, and can be sown very early. South of Mason and Dixon's line, can be sown in open ground in fall, and needs only a slight protection of straw or loose litter to be perfectly hardy.

Childs' Half Century—We all know how much careful selection year after year has to do with the quality of our vegetables, but there are few things that can claim a half-century's descent from only the choicest and best specimens of one type. This Lettuce can do so, however, and we are not surprised, therefore, at its superior qualities. Its leaves fold together, forming a long, loose head, remarkable for tenderness and delicious flavor. It may seem a good deal to say, but it is, nevertheless, a fact, that for tenderness, brittleness and delicious quality, this Lettuce, grown in the open ground surpasses any other sort grown under glass. Nothing can approach it in quality. It is so brittle and tender that its leaves break to pieces in handling, if care is not used. It is a quick grower, and attains its full size in forty to fifty days, and remains in fine condition for a very long time. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 25.; lb., $2.50.

Curled Simpson—A fine sort, still able to hold its own against all new-comers. In every respect this is a first-class sort, and always popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.

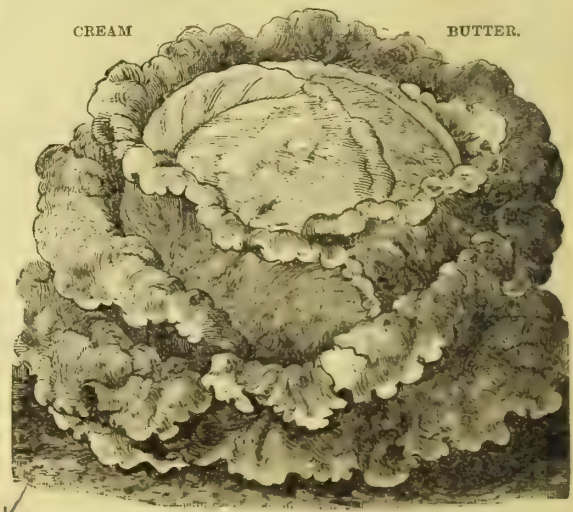
Denver Market, or Savoy—An early variety of head Lettuce, either for forcing or open ground. Forms large, solid heads of a good light-geen color. The leaves are beautifully marked and blistered (like Savoy Cabbage) and crisp and tender; of excellent flavor. This is in many respects a most unique Lettuce, and one which will be very popular as soon as known, occupying the same place among Lettuce, as Savoys do among Cabbages. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

New Hanson—Our Southern customers say this is the finest Lettuce they can grow. Plants large and uniform, perfect head, quality superlatively fine, and stands heat extraordinarily well. There is probably no better large-heading sort than this. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Buttercup—A beautiful golden sort, almost as ornamental as a Coleus. Large head and fine quality; beautiful golden yellow. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

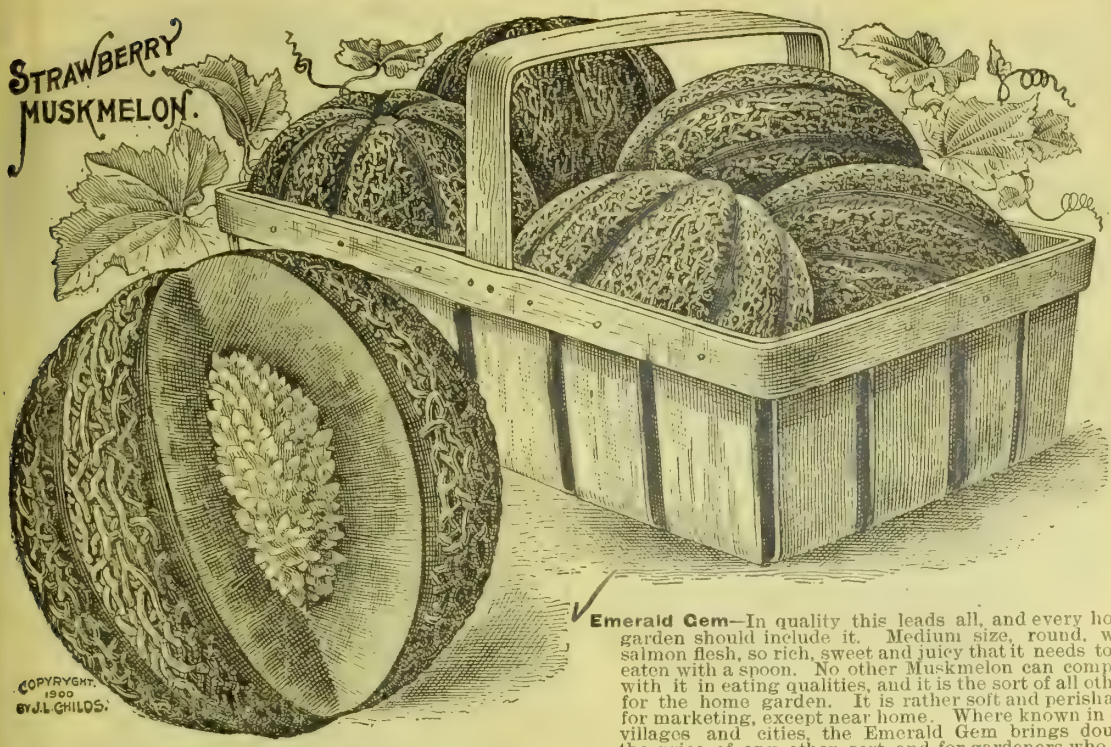
White Paris Cos—This is a popular European sort, and is good for forcing or early summer sowing. Well grown heads weigh 5 to 7 pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.35.

Tomhannock—Just the Lettuce we have all been looking for; one that will stand the hot, dry weather of mid-summer without growing bitter, tough and running to seed. It makes a beautiful bunch a foot high, and even more across, and the leaves are delightfully crisp and tender. Light green, well bronzed. Pkt., 10.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.



Cream Butter—A crisp, tender, richly flavored variety, forming large heads of a beautiful creamy color; medium early, and stands summer heat remarkably well. This is one of the very best summer varieties of head Lettuce we have ever grown. Heads very solid, crisp, and of a beautiful and refreshing cream color. In quality it is very buttery and rich. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Golden Heart—See page 50.



Muskmelon.

This fine fruit is much more delicious when eaten fresh from the vines than when allowed to stand for days in the heat of the market. Grow them like Cucumbers.

Strawberry—Its first appearance, in 1889, caused a great furore in the market. People were loud in its praise, exclaiming that it surpasses all other Melons in points of excellency, with a FLAVOR LIKE THAT OF THE STRAWBERRY, hence the name. It grows to a desirable table size, from six to eight pounds each. Its outside appearance compares favorably with the Green Nutmeg of old, turning to a yellowish hue as it were, over night, when ripe. Its smooth, deep flesh is of an attractive salmon-red color, soft to the rind, and exceptionally delicious. It is certainly one of the most attractive and best flavored Melons yet grown. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Childs' Great Combination—Great Combination is an appropriate name for a melon which combines the largest size, superb quality, fragrance, late ripening and long keeping qualities. In size it will average twice as large as any other Muskmelon we know, twenty to thirty pounds being its usual weight. It is very thick meated, rich apricot-yellow in color, and highly fragrant. In quality it is very rich and delicious, being equalled only by Emerald Gem. It is the last of all the Muskmelons to ripen, and comes after all others have gone, which makes it a most important variety. Its keeping qualities are simply marvelous, for when carefully picked in September and stored in a cool place, it is not unusual for it to keep a month in perfect condition. It has a splendid uniform shape, and its tremendous size makes it a giant among melons. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

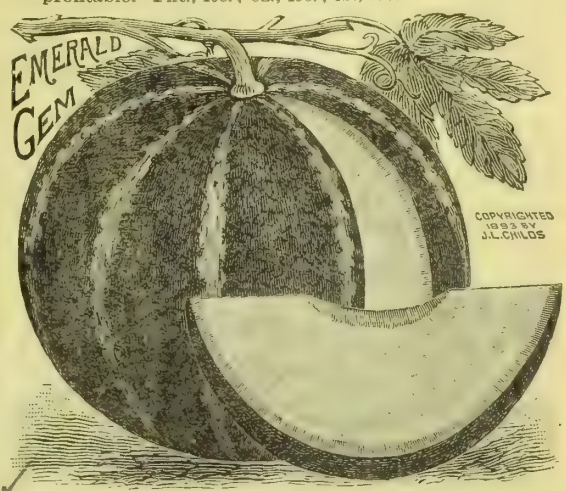
Rocky Ford—Finest of the Netted Gem type, and a famous melon owing to its unsurpassed quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Princess—A new and superior variety for either market or home garden. The melons are nearly round, deeply ribbed, very thick flesh of a rich salmon color, and very sweet and pleasant. Melons medium size and quite early and very handsome. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Bay View—A very profitable sort to grow, as they will yield 3,000 to 4,000 melons to the acre. See page 50.

Champion—A very handsome, large, round melon of delicious flavor and rich quality. A great cropper and a favorite market sort. A fine standard sort, which will give great satisfaction in any locality. For shipping it is without doubt the very best of all Muskmelons. It keeps well, comes well, is of fine appearance and high quality. None better for market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Emerald Gem—In quality this leads all, and every home garden should include it. Medium size, round, with salmon flesh, so rich, sweet and juicy that it needs to be eaten with a spoon. No other Muskmelon can compare with it in eating qualities, and it is the sort of all others for the home garden. It is rather soft and perishable for marketing, except near home. Where known in our villages and cities, the Emerald Gem brings double the price of any other sort, and for gardeners who deliver to customers, or to the market direct, it is the most profitable. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 85c.

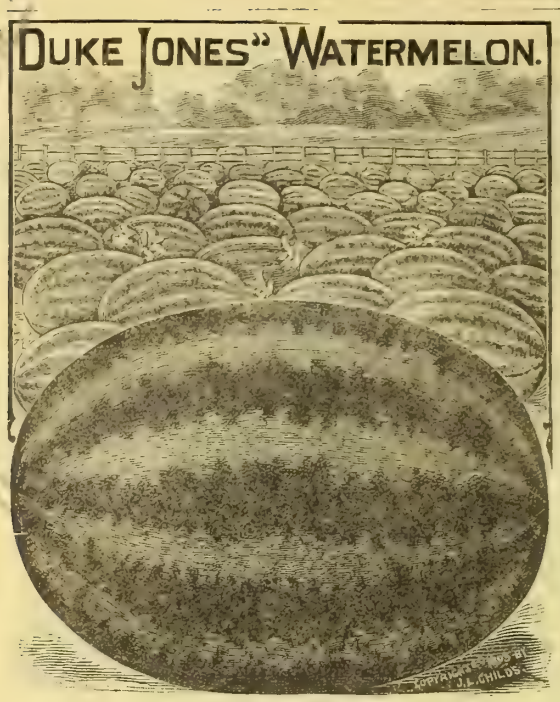


Banana—Melons very slender, and two or three feet long. A very fragrant variety, and if not picked until thoroughly ripe, of very good quality. Its flesh and flavor, as well as its shape, remind one of a great luscious Banana. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

Montreal Green Nutmeg—An uncommonly large melon and a great cropper; flesh green, very firm, and delicious, and unlike most varieties, does not lose flavor during wet or cloudy weather. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Winter Pineapple—A new melon of much value, owing to the fact that it can be kept until Christmas or later. The color of the flesh is a deep lemon-yellow, and the outer skin is a dark green, marked, with yellow. The quality is delicious, having a rich spicy flavor and much thicker and firmer flesh than ordinary Muskmelons, hence their long keeping qualities. They very rarely ripen on the vines, so melons must be picked off in the fall and put in some cool place, until they are wanted. It is usually necessary to place them in a warm room for three of four days before using, so as to ripen thoroughly; in this way they can be had for the winter months. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

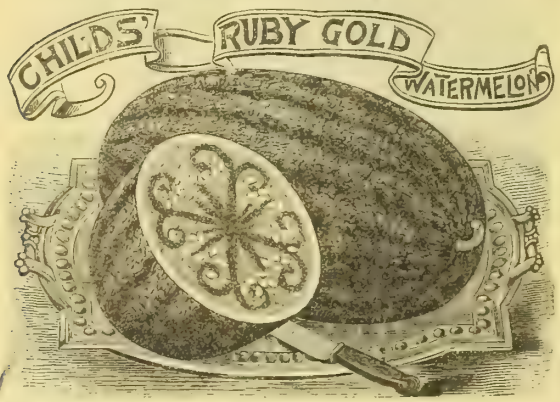
One packet each of the ten sorts for 50c.



Watermelon.

Never plant Watermelons on hard, poor soil. Plant in large, deep, mellow hills, made very rich with well-rotted manure, and you will have great crops of this delicious vegetable, which, to be had at its best, must be picked from one's own garden.

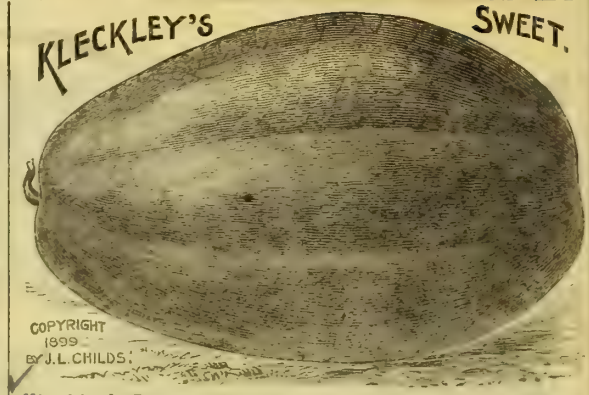
Duke Jones—Briefly, this is supposed to be the largest, handsomest, most prolific, and in other respects the finest melon grown. Will average nearly fifty pounds each by the field, while some specimens reach nearly one hundred pounds. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.



Childs' Ruby Gold—A variety introduced by us. The most beautiful table Melon grown. Fine for table decoration, cut crosswise and alternated with slices of deep red melon. In shape the melons are a long oval, two feet or more in length, and will weigh 40 to 60 pounds each. The flesh is a rich, solid golden yellow, with star-like center of carmine or ruby-red, almost too beautiful to think of eating, yet its quality is as superior as its appearance. There is absolutely no core or hard spots in it, but the flesh is juicy, sweet, luscious, melting in the mouth almost like ice-cream. Lasts long in perfect condition without getting "stringy" or "mealy." Early and sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Hungarian Honey—One of the most delicious varieties known, of an almost honey-like sweetness. Round, dark green melons that will average about ten pounds each; flesh rich and melting. Extra early and fine for the Northern States. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Phinney—An early, oval variety, prolific, sweet and crisp. One of the best. See page 50.



Kleckley's Sweet—The earliest large melon, weighing 50 to 60 pounds each, and ripening in about seventy days from the time of planting. It is a great yielder, and in quality the sweetest, juciest, most crisp, solid and luscious. Grows two and one-half feet in length. Brilliant red inside, dark green without. With us the best melon ever tested. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.00.

Mountain Sweet—A fine old sort, so deliciously sweet and tender that it will almost melt in one's mouth. The best variety for the extreme North, where few Watermelons succeed. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

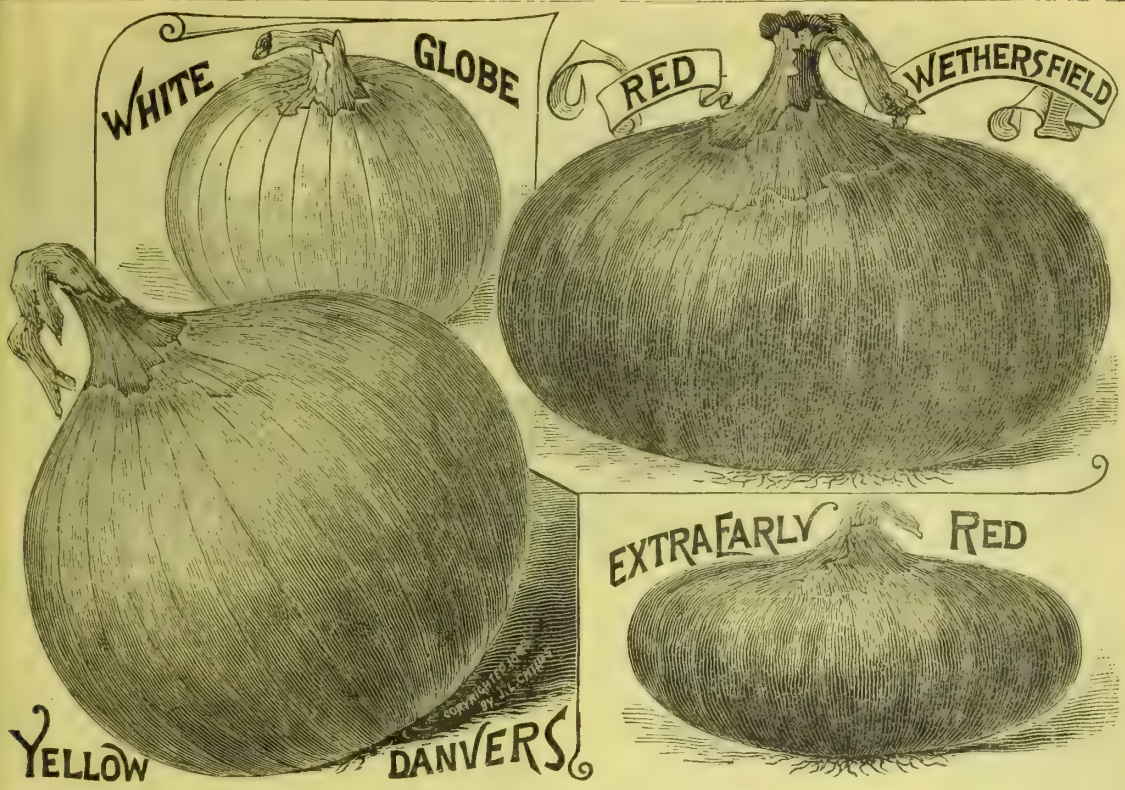
Dixie—A great Watermelon for the South, for growing to ship to Northern markets early. It possesses the finest quality, combined with large size, handsome appearance, earliness, long-keeping and excellent shipping qualities. It is so much earlier than Kolb's Gem that it gets into market in time to catch the highest prices. It is a great melon for marketing. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Cuban Queen—A very juicy, sweet variety, of the largest size, a special favorite with those who like their melons nearly all core. A splendid seller in the market, a good keeper, and productive. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

IRON CLAD.

Mammoth Iron Clad—Enormous melons, sometime weighing from 50 to 75 pounds. Do not plant on heavy soil, or they will come into bearing late. A superb melon. Flesh rich and sweet, shell hard and firm, and melons will keep well for weeks. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

One packet each of these nine Melons for 50c.



American Onions.

One of the most wholesome foods known, and much relished by most people. Most physicians agree that the free use of Onions as a food is a healthful and beneficial stimulant to the system. In cases of colds, coughs and lung troubles they are often better than medicine. Certain it is that they are the best remedy for that new disease. "La Grippe," and their use is one of the best preventatives from taking it. The Onion is one of these vegetables with which success or failure depends largely upon the quality of seed sown. The best Onion seed is always the cheapest. We are certain that ours is as good as can be found anywhere. Have the ground made very fine, deep and rich for Onions, and keep free from weeds. We also offer a new Onion Set on 31st page.

Large Red Wethersfield—A favorite red-skinned sort, of large size and handsome appearance. Onions somewhat flattened, flesh purplish-white, high-flavored, and keeps well without rotting. A standard sort and a great favorite with market gardeners. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.20.

Yellow Globe Danvers—Another popular Onion, widely grown for market. Plump, handsome, yellow-skinned bulbs, very uniform, round and perfect. We have an extra fine strain of this. More seed of this Onion is annually sold than any other variety. It does well everywhere, in all soils and in all climates, and is everywhere a popular market sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.20.

Extra Early Red—A quick-growing variety, much liked in the North, as it grows well in cold, mucky soils where other sorts fail. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Southport White Globe—A globular, mild-flavored Onion of fine appearance and superior quality. A great favorite in most localities, and probably the most popular White Globe variety. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.

Italian Onions.

During the past few years Italian Onions have come into favor with astonishing rapidity. Where a few years ago they were grown only as fancy garden crops, they are now planted extensively for market, and they are, too, a profitable crop. They are of rapid growth and attain a very large size in a wonderfully short time. They are not only large but very uniform, perfect in shape, and exceedingly handsome in appearance. In quality they are acknowledged on all sides to be the best, having an exceedingly mild, delicate and pleasant flavor. For eating raw, they are, of couse, greatly superior to other Onions, owing to the mildness of their flavor. These Onions do best on a rich, light or sandy soil, in a warm and, if possible, sheltered situation.

Mammoth Silver King—A superb Onion that sometimes grows to weigh 2 or 4 pounds. Silver-skinned, white fleshed, very mild and tender—so mild, sweet and tender that it can be eaten raw like an apple. It has an average diameter of 5 to 7 inches, making a circumference of 15 to 20 inches. It is probably the most popular Italian Onion known to cultivation. A grand seller in all markets. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.00.

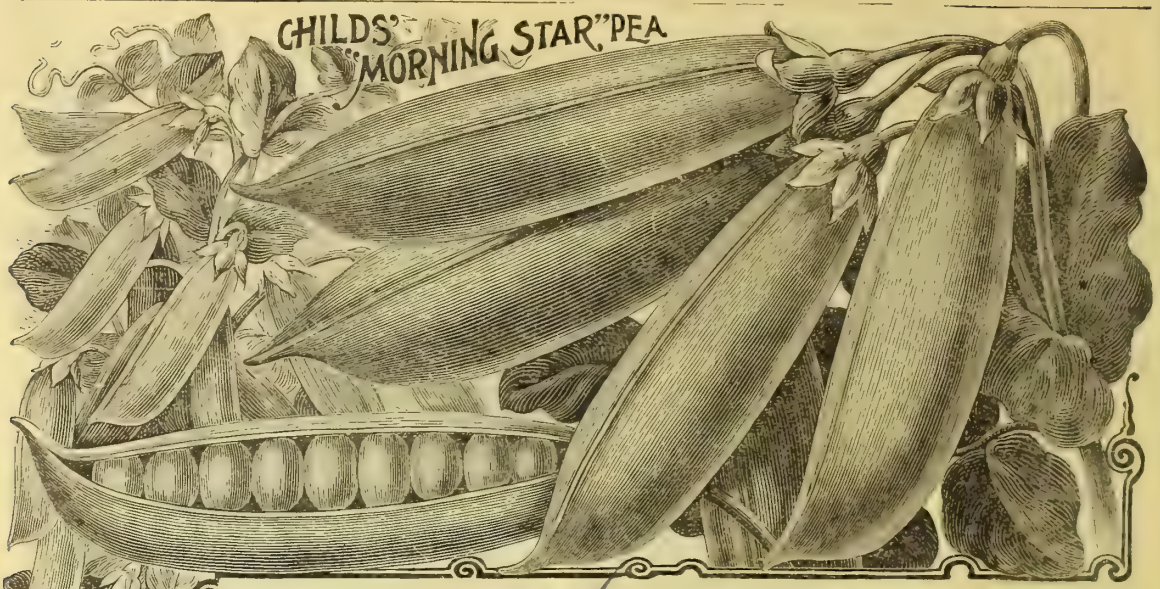
Prize Taker—A very large, yellow globe Onion, very handsome, fine flavor and grand sort for market. Immensely productive, producing 700 bushels to the acre, and is claimed by the introducer to be the largest, handsomest, finest-flavored yellow globe Onion ever introduced. It is a good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.75.

Mammoth Pompeii—A most remarkable Onion on account of its enormous size and fine-quality. They often grow to the weight of 4 or 5 pounds, with a very thin and delicate skin, which is of a handsome reddish or reddish-brown color. Notwithstanding its great size, it is exceedingly mild and fine grained. Extra fine; easy culture; good keeper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50

Early Radish, or Barletta—The prettiest, button-like little Onion imaginable. Small, flat, and silver-skinned, so mild in flavor that they can be eaten raw, like a stalk of Celery, and for pickling are far ahead of any other Onion. Leaves almost no odor on the breath, and is liked by all. Three weeks earlier than any other Onion and grows very readily from seed. Is used largely for eating raw, like a radish, yet when cooked it has the most delicate flavor of any Onion. Introduced by us several years ago as Early Radish, about the time it was introduced into France as Barletta. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2,00.

SPECIAL OFFER.

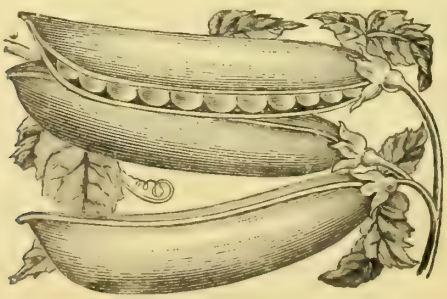
We will send one packet each of the eight sorts for 50c. One ounce each for $1.00.



Peas.

This delicious vegetable is so much finer when freshly gathered than when allowed to shrivel for days in the market, that every family, if possible, should grow their own Peas. For early crop, plant as soon as the ground can possibly be worked in the spring, and plant every two weeks thereafter for succession until summer.

Childs' Morning Star — *A new wrinkled Pea, earlier by a week than any of the small, round varieties.* This is one of the greatest of recent vegetable novelties. It is the earliest pea grown by nearly a week. It is a fair-sized, wrinkled variety, and, therefore, possesses the same delicious quality of the late wrinkled kinds. For the first time the fine quality of the late varieties is combined with extreme earliness. When this is once tried no other early pea will be grown. Added to its other qualities it is exceedingly prolific, and continues to bear longer than any other early sort. It grows 18 to 20 inches high, and does not require bushing. Mr. William Falconer says: "I ought to tell you about the "Morning Star wrinkled pea you let me try here two years ago. I sowed it in single rows in light, warm soil, about e end of march, when I sowed round peas and Alpha and American Wonder. It astonished me by its earliness, coming in ahead, and it is a good cropper and of fine quality. Better still, it is the most reliable wrinkled pea for fall use —sown August 1st—that I have ever grown." Mr. J. Goody, of Clare, Suffolk, England, write: "Your pea, 'Morning Star,' beats any pea in England for a first crop." Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; pint, 35c.; quart, 60c. By express or freight, $2.00 per peck; $6.00 per bushel.



PEA ALASKA

Childs' Universal — In Childs' Universal we have a new sort destined to become the universal garden favorite the world over. It was originated over ten years ago, since when it has been carefully selected and grown, until we now have what we believe is the most perfect pea in cultivation. It combines a dwarf habit with fine quality and enormous productiveness, the three essential features all in one sort. It can be styled a half-dwarf, not tall enough to require staking, yet branching freely and producing vines enough to give one of the largest crops any pea can yield. The peas are of medium size, wrinkled, and of exceedingly high flavor. It is medium early, and fine for succession if sown at intervals of two weeks. For a standard garden sort it must take the lead, being superior to Champion of England, inasmuch that it does not require staking. Per pkt., 10c.; pint, 40c.; quart, 75c.

Alaska—The best of all early round varieties, ripening ahead of all others, except Childs' Morning Star, and bearing great quantities of fine peas, richly flavored. A fine market pea, as the whole crop matures almost at one time. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 40c.

Champion of England—Still able to hold its own among all newcomers as a pea of superlatively fine quality. Late and a heavy cropper. Unsurpassed quality. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 35c.

American Wonder Pea.

American Wonder—An early wrinkled pea of exquisite flavor, ready for the table in thirty to forty days after planting. Grows only a few inches high. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 50c.

McLean's Little Gem—An old standard Tom Thumb variety, still among the very best for a first crop pea. Very hardy. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 25c.; quart, 40c.

Everbearing—A fine sort for the home garden, as it does not ripen its pods at one crop, but continues in bearing a long time. Fine flavor. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 30c.; quart, 60c.

Prosperity—Pods 4 to 5 inches long, filled with large highly flavored peas of the marrow type. Extremely early for a large pea, and one of the very best. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 35c.

Pepper.

No trouble whatever to grow. Useful for culinary purposes, ornamental as pot plants and quite necessary to the health of all cage birds and poultry. Every garden ought to have a good bed.

Childs' Celestial Improved—A fine sharp-flavored Pepper of transcendent beauty, setting its fruit early and continuing until cut down by frost. A well-grown plant will show peppers in every stage of growth, and in three or four different colors, according to the stage or ripeness creamy white, pink, and vivid scarlet, all on the bush together, a most novel and wonderful sight. Beautiful pot plants; in fact, few pot plants make such an attractive show as does the Pepper when in full bearing. It is perfectly charming, showing such quantities of fruit of so many distinct colors. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.00.

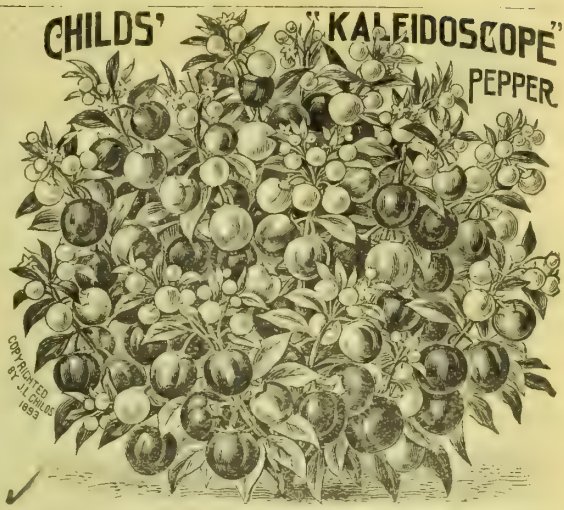
PEPPER, RUBY KING.

Ruby King—The beautiful plants are crowded with large, handsome fruits of a bright ruby-red color, which grows four to six inches long by three to four inches through. They are *remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste*. So mild is their flavor that they can even be sliced and eaten with vinegar like tomatoes or cucumbers. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

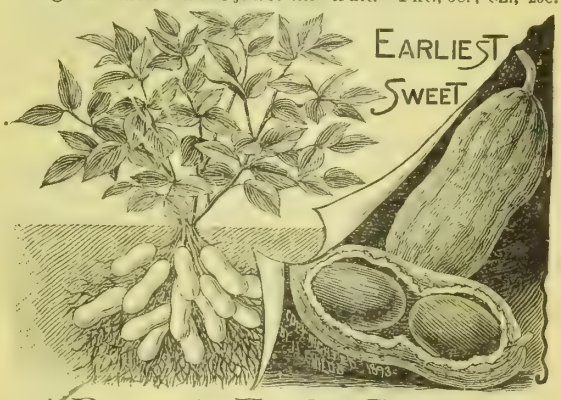
Large Bell—A fine old standard sort, large, bell-shaped. See page 50.

Red Cluster—A dwarf sort, loaded with beautiful glossy scarlet fruit, which are particularly valued for pickling. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $3.50.

Large Bell Pepper.



Childs' Kaleidoscope—Beautiful enough to be classed among pot plants, yet with a fine sharp flavor that makes it valuable in the garden also. From the time the pretty plum-like peppers form until they are fully grown they are of a light yellowish-cream color. As they commence to ripen they change, first to a clear canary color, then deepening to orange, then again turning to pink or rose, varying from shade to shade until they become a vivid, shining scarlet. One of these pepper plants, with their dark green leaves, and hanging full of cream, pink, yellow, rose, and red fruits, is exceedingly beautiful. It is enormously prolific, plants branching freely and weeping with their load of jewel-like fruit. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 20c.

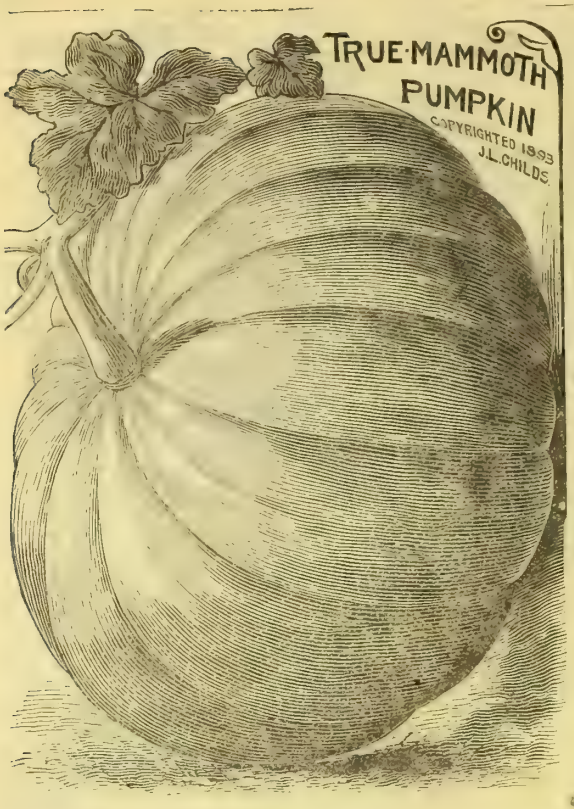


Peanut, Early Sweet.

Grow some Peanuts for the children. Not at all hard to grow, and stands heat and drouth like a salamander. This sort is so early that it ripens in all the Northern States and in Canada, while its quality is of the very best, the nuts being exceedingly sweet and rich when roasted. Any light, sandy, or loose soil suits them. Pkt., 10c.; pint, 20c.; quart, 30c.

Tobacco, Persian Muscatelle.

This is the best of all, an exceedingly ornamental plant, and so early it can be grown in any State. It is from the garden of the King of Persia. The grower says of it: "It is one of the earliest varieties we have, of remarkably strong and vigorous growth, attaining the height of five to seven feet. The stalks are strong, thickly set with leaves, many of them measuring 3½ to 4½ feet in length, with proportionate width. The leaves are usually small ribbed, very elastic, of finest possible texture, a light brown color, and mild flavor. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 50c.



Pumpkin.

Large Cheese—An old standard sort, and a grand variety for large field crop. See page 50.

Quaker Pie—What would Thanksgiving be without pumpkin pie? This Pumpkin furnishes fine-grained and rich flavored fruits, just what is wanted for a really good pie. Ripens early and keeps late. A prolific sort of a light yellow shade; very popular. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Genuine Mammoth or True Portion—This is the giant Pumpkin that always takes the premium at the county fairs for size. Grows so large two men can scarcely lift one of the fruit, which have been grown to weigh nearly or quite 200 pounds. Flesh bright yellow and very fair quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.50.

Parsnip.

One of the few winter vegetables. The roots are perfectly hardy and are improved in flavor by the action of frost. Roots can be dug during thaws in winter or very early in spring, when a change of food is most relished. They are boiled whole, then sliced thin and fried brown with slices of salt pork.

Improved Guernsey—This is not the coarse Stock Guernsey, but the table variety of that name, the sweetest, finest grained Parsnip grown, and a heavy cropper. Smooth, thick roots, about 12 inches long. Very fine stewed, fried, etc. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Improved Long Smooth Hollow Crown—An old standard variety, of fine quality, with very long roots. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Parsley.

Hardy and easily grown. Very fine for garnishing, as well as useful for flavoring soups, etc.

Extra Double Curled—Mossy curled and crisped leaves; very beautiful and of good quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 85c.

Beauty of the Parterre—One of the finest sorts for garnishings or low edgings. Very fine quality. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.00.

Spinach.

American Savoy—A heavy cropper, of fine quality and very hardy; succulent leaves, curled and crinkled like a Savoy Cabbage. Hardiest and most productive sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 40c.

New Zealand—A valuable new variety, as it grows freely all summer and may be cut repeatedly. As fast as cut new shoots and leaves will grow out. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Strawberry.

We have all heard of the great size and luscious sweetness of the French Strawberries. They are certainly a great way ahead of the American varieties. We have secured seed of the finest large-fruited kinds, which we have every reason to believe will produce varieties far superior to those in cultivation in this country. Strawberries are easily grown from seed, and it is interesting to note the different shapes, sizes and quality of the seedlings when they begin to fruit.

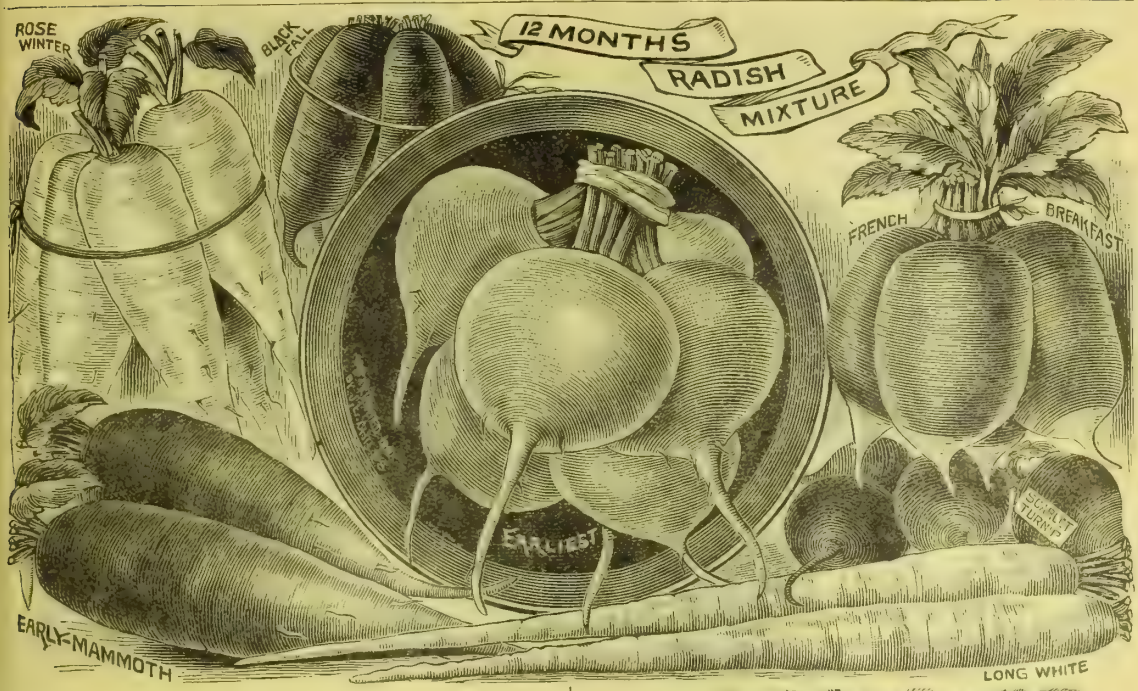
Large-Fruited Varieties—Mixed. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 20c.

Salsify, or Vegetable Oyster.

One of the most delicious of all root vegetables. So hardy that it can be left in the ground all winter and dug as needed whenever the ground thaws. Stew until tender, then cook exactly like oysters, with pepper, cream and butter. Try a large bed of them this year. They are delightful.

Large White—A quick grower; very fine flavor. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.00.

Sandwich Island Mammoth—Like the above, but twice the size. Cannot be praised too highly. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.40.



Radish.

The following are the cream of all sorts.

Earliest Forcing—Earlier than any other sort, by a week. Bright scarlet turnip Radish, very smooth and round, with small tops, allowing it to be drawn closely together in hot-bed or forcing bench. Fine also for out-of-door sowing. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.35.

Early Mammoth—Known also as "Shepherd" and "Chartier." This variety sometimes reaches the enormous length of two or three feet and is sometimes eight inches through at the top. A very quick growing variety, crisp, juicy and tender, and mild in flavor. Its color is a fresh pink and white, and for market has no superior among summer Radishes. It remains tender and good for several weeks after it is ready for use and is a splendid all round Radish. Pkt. 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 70c.

French Breakfast—A very attractive pink and white Radish, olive-shaped and with delicately flavored flesh, free from coarseness or any biting quality. A grand little table sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

White Vienna—Finest of all long white radishes. Skin and flesh pure white, beautiful shape and fine flavor. Pkt. 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb. 75c.

Early Scarlet Turnip—A fine quick-growing early Radish, of fine eating qualities. See page 50.

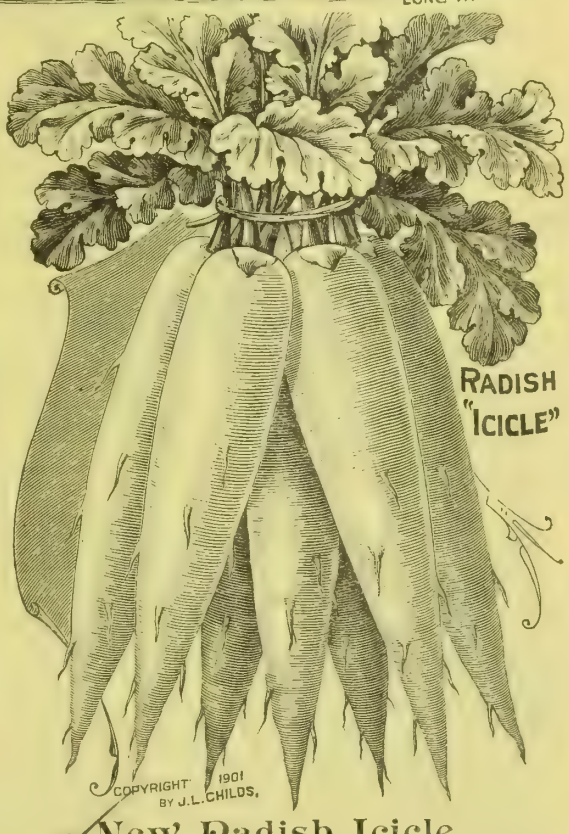
Chinese Rose, Winter—A handsome and superior mid-summer, fall and winter sort, of a lovely scarlet-rose color and large size. Flesh, meaty, crisp and tender. Keep roots in soil for winter use. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 90c.

20 Days Express—Is fit for the table in twenty days from the time of sowing the seed and is fully grown in twenty-five days, at which time the Radish is about one inch in diameter at the top, three inches in length and tapering to a point. Color, brightest, richest scarlet, tipped with white. Quality very mild, crisp and delicious. By far the best flavored Radish we have yet seen, and the most desirable for table use. The finest, and, without doubt, the earliest Radish in cultivation. It contains all good points. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.; lb., $2.00.

Sakurajima Mammoth—One of the good new things from Japan. It is of very quick growth, reaching an enormous size in a short time. Color, pure white; crisp and tender, and of remarkably mild and pleasant flavor. An ideal table Radish. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

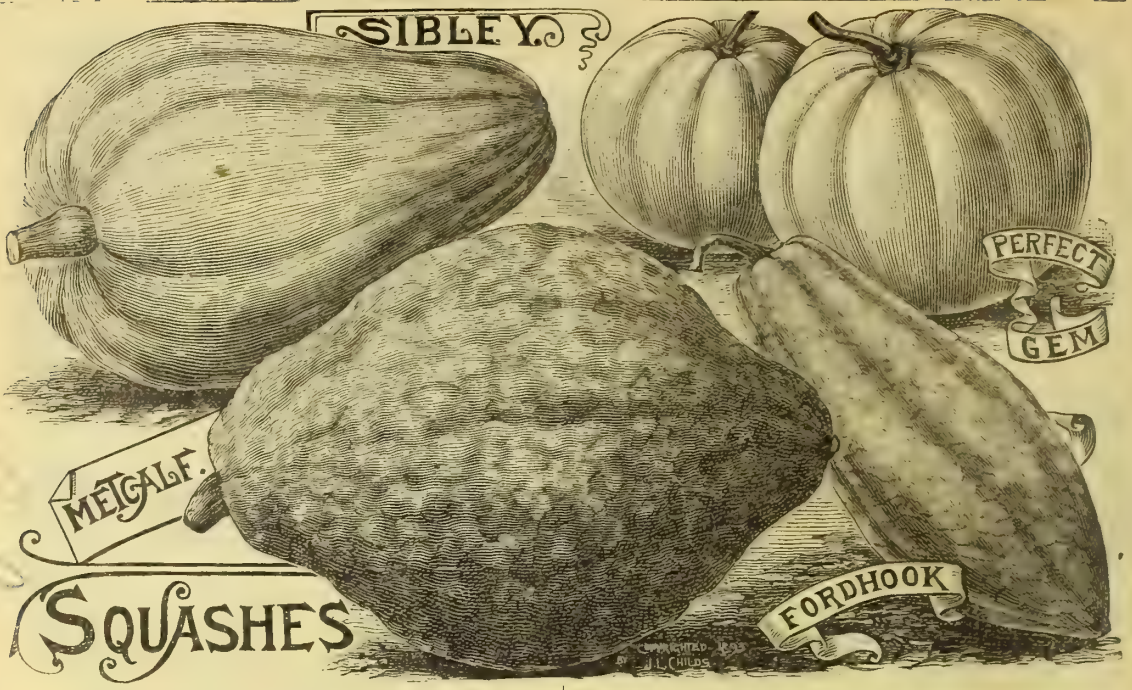
Twelve Months' Radish Mixture—A superb mixture of all kinds of Radishes, early, medium, fall, winter, Chinese, etc. Sow a row of it and it will furnish you delicious Radishes throughout the year. The early and medium ones, as they mature and are pulled, make room for the larger growth of the fall and winter varieties. This mixture is made up of twenty-five best varieties, and with it it is necessary to make but one sowing for the entire year. This novel mixture was introduced by us some years ago, and our customers like it so well that last season we sold tons of it. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; ¼lb., 30c.; lb., 90c.

One packet each of above 10 sorts, 50c.



New Radish Icicle.

A long Radish of almost transparent whiteness, which has no rival among all existing varieties. It is so early that the roots are 4 to 5 inches long in 20 days from the time of sowing the seed in the open ground, and ready for the table. As to quality, it is has no superior, and is the most beautiful Radish yet seen. A long, white, alabaster-like, early variety, has not previously existed. This is a real jewel. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.



Squash.

A delicious table vegetable, and when cooked like pumpkins, makes superior pies.

Ford Hook—A long, golden yellow Squash, with very dry and fine-grained flesh. This is one of the best winter Squashes, and an extra fine keeper, and the plants are so robust that failure is very rare. Resists the attacks of the Squash borer better than most kinds; matures early and is a sure cropper. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.25.

Sibley—Another fine winter Squash that keeps well nearly all winter. Shell hard and flinty; pale green in color. Flesh a brilliant orange-red; very dry and rich in flavor. A fine baking variety. See page 50.

Metcalf—A Maine variety of extra fine quality, fine grained and dry. No better eating Squash can be found anywhere. A long winter keeper, good till spring. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.25.

Perfect Gem—This sort is good both for summer and winter use. Thin skinned, fine grained and of very pleasant flavor. Will keep any length of time. See page 50.

Mammoth Chili—Specimens of this have been grown to reach 300 pounds in weight. Notwithstanding its enormous size, this Squash is of very fair quality, and keeps well. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.

Mammoth Whale—A new French variety of the enormous weight of one hundred or more pounds. Fruit thick and an ashy-gray color, and tapers toward the end. Flesh solid, beautiful orange-yellow and of excellent quality. It has also the advantage of being a long keeper and a variety which does well in any soil or climate. It is a splendid variety in all respects, especially for exhibiting at fairs. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 30c.

Giant Summer Crookneck—A new Crookneck, which is a little earlier than the old variety, and fully twice as large, being nearly two feet in length. It is of extra fine quality, handsome in appearance, and finds a ready sale at good prices in any market. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., $1.

Early Scallop—An early summer sort. Very fine and popular. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Japanese Alphabet—Its peculiar characteristic, from which it derives its name, is in the fact that its seeds are distinctly marked on both sides with characters which appear to be Japanese letters, and it is said that the Japanese alphabet may be selected from a handful of seed. Be this as it may, it is certainly curious and interesting, but that is not all. We find the Squash to be superior to the old Hubbard in quality, and a much stronger and freer grower, and easily raised, in short, as pumpkins. For pies this variety excels all other squashes or pumpkins. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Nippon Island—A new form of the Alphabet Squash from Nippon Island Japan, of the same great size and character of the Alphabet, but of much better quality. This is really the finest Squash grown. Seeds beautifully and curiously marked with Japanese letters. Early and prolific. New this year. Pkt., 15c.; 3 pkts. for 30c.

Improved Hubbard—(Private Stock). No more popular Squash than the Hubbard has ever been grown. Of late years it has largely lost flavor because stocks have become badly mixed with inferior strains. Our stock is quite limited, but is absolutely true and will produce the old-fashioned, deliciously sweet Squash we all remember. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $1.75.

One packet each of the eleven sorts, 75c.

Turnips.

A valuable garden and farm crop. Good Turnips are almost as desirable for table use as Potatoes. For winter use sow last of July or first of August. Turnips may be sown late in ground that has been cropped with Peas or Beans early in the season.

Scarlet Kashmyr—This Turnip has a striking resemblance to a large Radish, being as large and uniform in shape and crisp as a Radish, and of the most excellent quality. It matures almost as quickly as the earliest Radishes, being several weeks ahead of any other Turnip, and when cooked is of unsurpassed quality. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Early Ivory—A sort of peculiar value, owing to its extreme earliness. It grows almost as quickly as a Radish, and to a great extent resembles a large white winter Radish. It is sweet and of first-class quality. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 40c.

Early Flat Dutch—Clear, white skin, and juicy, crisp flesh. A fine sort for either market or home garden. See page 50.

Purple Top White Globe—A large Turnip of fine keeping qualities. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Large Yellow Globe—A large round Turnip, with deep, yellow flesh and fine, firm grain; very sweet and good. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Extra Early Milan—The earliest strap-leaved variety. A smooth, medium-sized variety, with a bright purple top. Fine quality and good keeper. Very delicious. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 75c.

White Egg—Beautiful white, egg-shaped sort, of rapid growth. Flesh firm and solid, fine-grained, sweet, and of very mild flavor. Fine either for early or late variety. Grows to good size. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 50c.

Tennoji—The Tennoji Turnip is a mammoth flat variety of excellent quality. It is impossible to say just how large it will grow under favorable conditions, but the Japanese claim is something incredible. Here in our trial grounds, under the disadvantages of a crowded test-bed, it has grown to the largest dimensions we have ever seen in a Turnip. Finest seed, just imported from Japan, 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.; oz., 35c.

Ruta-Baga, or Swede.

These are grown largely for stock feeding, as well as for table use. For either purpose they are a profitable crop.

Carter's Elephant—A new Turnip of great size and a wonderful cropper. In shape it is beautiful and perfect and remarkably uniform, of quick growth and excellent quality. Owing to its very large size it will probably turn out 50 per cent. more bushels to the acre than any other, and is, therefore, the most profitable variety for large crops, especially for growing for stock feeding. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 80c.

Breadstone—A beautiful white Ruta-baga, so remarkably tender that it will cook in fifteen minutes, while the flavor is uncommonly sweet and delicate. It is also a wonderful keeper, not growing pithy and dry like the ordinary Turnips when kept in the cellar over winter. Flesh perfectly white, fine grained, tender and sweet, without the strong taste so common among Ruta-bagas. Finest of all table varieties. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., 60c.

Improved American Ruta-baga—Large, smooth and handsome, quick in growth, tender and fine in quality. A superb standard sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 10c.; lb., 60c.

Purple Top Ruta Baga

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAMMOTH SAGE.

Mammoth Sage.

A plant of this new Sage will yield more than a dozen of the common sorts. The leaves are of enormous size and superior quality, and the plant a compact, rank grower, covering a space of more than three feet in diameter, rarely flowers and never runs to seed, and can be picked all the season. It is perfectly hardy in the coldest climate. Every person who has use for Sage should plant this variety. Fine plants, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

Onion.

Egyptian or Perennial Tree—In this we have an entirely new variety of Onion. It differs from those raised from seeds or sets, from the Top Onion, Potato Onion, in the fact that when once set out, without the slightest protection, it will come up year after year as soon as the frost breaks ground, and grows so rapidly that it is ready for market or home use two or three weeks before any of them. It is usually ready for the table early in May. Is unsurpassed for sweetness and tenderness. It is perfectly hardy in all sections of the North. Pint, 20c.; quart, 30c., postpaid; peck, by express, $1.50.

Teosinte.

As a forage or fodder plant this is the greatest thing of the age, especially for the South. In appearance it resembles corn, but the leaves are much longer and broader and sweeter. It grows twelve feet high, producing a great number of shoots, which are thickly covered with heavy foliage. Eighty-five stalks have been grown from one seed, and it produces forty tons to the acre. At the rate hay and other stock feed costs, Teosinte will yield $200 worth of fodder or ensilage to the acre. Plant it as you would corn. W. J. Pitts, of Stockton, Ga., writes; "I cut two two-horse loads of forage from an ounce of seed." It may be cut two or three times during the season. It never suffers in drought or rain. Three pounds of seed is enough for an acre. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 15c.; lb., $1.50.

Tomatoes.

An indispensable vegetable. City dwellers with almost no room can train their Tomatoes to their back wall and raise quantities of fine, fresh fruit for their own use. Start early in house or hot-bed, transplant just after a gentle rain, and tie plants to stake or trellis. They stand drought remarkably well. Just before frost pick all the well developed fruits, spread them singly in a light, frost-proof place, and they will continue ripening for two months or more.

Child's Picture Rock—The grandest Tomato ever introduced. Early, smooth, uniform, prolific, longest bearing, longest keeping, and the finest in quality. In all these essential points this Tomato is superior to any other kind. Fruit bright scarlet, of fair size, and so perfect and uniform that they look as though each one was moulded with the same stamp. On account of this perfect shape and great beauty it is unsurpassed for market. Its quality is extra fine and it commences to ripen its fruit very early and continues in bearing until frost, a most remarkable quality. Its keeping qualities are, however, the most wonderful. Ripe fruit, fresh from the vines, have been kept in perfect condition from three to four weeks during warm summer weather. It originated in the Picture Rock region of Wisconsin hence its name. Pkt., 10c.; oz., 20c.; lb., $2.50.

Childs' Ruby Qeeen - Tomato of enormous size, and as smooth as an apple. Its color is the deepest and darkest crimson-red, very rich and beautiful. It is very solid, very thin skin, and its flesh throughout is most tender. It has not a particle of coarseness or toughness. It is just the sort you would choose for your own table above all others. It is much like the Golden Jubilee, except in color, and is perhaps rounder and smoother in shape. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

Ponderosa—A Tomato of large size, solid, of fine quality. Claimed to be the largest known sort. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 25c.

Childs' Diadem—Here we have at last what leading horticulturalists all over the world have devoted years to producing. A Tomato of high quality, with a beautiful striped or variegated skin. Can you imagine anything more unique? Diadem is a Tomato of medium size, perfect shape, high quality and of a deep ruby-red, the rich dark color of the skin being broken with stripes and spots of gold, the beautiful effect of which are admirably shown in cut above. Not only is it beautiful, but in points of excellence in other respects it is quite up to Picture Rock, which is now the standard of perfection. It is of fair size, smooth, handsome shape, and of best quality. This splendid novelty was introduced by us last year, and has given great satisfaction everywhere. Many people say that it is the most novel thing, and by far the greatest attraction, in their gardens. Everybody is delighted with it. 10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

Ignotum—Esteemed as the perfection of a Tomato. Extremely early and a great cropper. Fruits large, smooth, without green spots or cores, and almost entirely free from cracks or rotten spots. Delicious flavor, very meaty, and but few seeds. Fine for slicing, cooking or canning. See page 50.

Climbing Tomato-A novel Tomato of a climbing habit that, if supported, climbs to a considerable height. A very unique ornament to the kitchen doorway or window when hanging full of its many large red fruits. Fruit smooth, solid and of fine flavor. Quite a novelty and in every respect a very unique Tomato. Pkt., 10c.

Childs' Golden Jubilee—A fit companion to the Ruby Queen, and, like it, of enormous size, specimens having been grown that weighed over two pounds each. The fruits are round and solid, with very few seeds; flesh meaty and, like all yellow varieties, very sweet and mild in flavor. A beautiful table sort, especially when arranged with the deep, rich slices of Ruby Queen on the same dish. The skin of this sort parts readily from the fruit without scalding. An important feature. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.; oz., 50c.

STATION TREE.

Station Tree—This variety originated by crossing the French Tree with Alpha, the result being a very distinct variety, with thick, curly, almost black-green foliage and great numbers of handsome, solid fruit, with the fewest seeds of any known variety. Tomatoes are of very fine quality, and this sort is especially recommended for forcing, as it does extra well in pots, the earliest of all, and being of fine upright growth it requires but little room. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Golden Fig—Fruit small, beautifully smooth, and almost incredibly productive. The flesh is solid, thick-meated, very sweet and pleasant, and is just right for preserves or sweet pickles, or for drying in sugar like figs. In fact, it dries well and is an admirable fruit when dry, fully equal to the fig. Pkt., 5c.; oz., 30c.

Great Mississippi—On receipt of the following letter from A. W. Martin, Duncan, Miss., in the fall of 1899, we purchased stock of this new Tomato and have grown a large crop. In bringing it to our attention Mr. Martin said: "I have grown a wonderful Tomato plant. It is 8 feet 2 inches high and has a circumference of 15½ feet. It has ripened 167 Tomatoes on it and as many blossoms, and still it grows. As to the flavor of the fruit, it is far more delicate and sweet than the common Tomato. This plant came up in a row of Beet seed sent me from the Agricultural Department at Washington and is supposed to be of Foreign origin."

Other letters from the neighborhood confirmed Mr. Martin's report and the Tomato evidenty created a genuine sensation. We grew a large crop of it this season and find it to be, as Mr. Martin says, a remarkable grower and cropper. While we had no specimen plant that came up to this, we can readily believe that they might even exceed that record if given special attention, as the growth and yield for ordinary field cultivation was perfectly marvelous. The Tomatoes are of medium to large size, bright deep crimson, and as smooth as wax. We have never seen a more beautiful fruit of any variety, or fruit which run so uniformly even in size and beauty. It is certainly a great acquisition, and we are fortunate in having stock sufficient to offer it at 10c. per packet; 3 pkts. 25c.

Peach—A distinct, medium sized Tomato, of very peculiar but pleasant flavor. The fruit of this Tomato is about the size and shape of a peach, and is of a soft, peachy-red color. See page 50c.

One pkt. each of these 11 finest Tomatoes for only 60c.

New Field Corn,

GOLDEN SUPERB.

The Most Valuable Field Corn Ever Grown, and Now the Leading Favorite Where Known, from Maine to California.

An enormous golden dent variety, so early that it can be grown in the Northern States, and out-yields any other sort. It originated in Connecticut. It is the finest Field Corn we have ever seen. Ears very large and handsome, 24 rows of deep kernels. It is enormously prolific, producing over 200 bushels to the acre in very dry seasons, in hills four feet apart each way, and with ordinary cultivation. Its great vigor enables it to stand dry weather remarkably, and give a good crop, when other sorts fail from drouth. Often two or three ears are borne on one stalk, and they run as uniform as though they were all made in the same mould, and they are as perfect and handsome as though they were made of wax. No other variety of Corn can approach this, and it is bound, when known, to be more extensively grown than all other kinds put together. Owing to its extreme earliness it may be harvested earlier than any other Dent Corn, even when planted much later. It is the earliest by several weeks of all dent varieties. It is seldom one sees anything bred up to such perfection as is this new Corn. Pkt., 10c.; lb., 35c.; 3 pounds for $1.00, postpaid. By express or freight, at buyers' expense, peck, 75c.; bushel, $2.50.

SUMMER FLOWERING BULBS.

The word Bulb sends a thrill to the heart of every lover of flowers whenever it is heard. No other word in horticulture seems to indicate so much or raise in one's mind such vivid pictures of grace, brilliancy and delicate beauty. In our mind we see long spikes of Gladiolus of brilliant, fascinating and varied colors; great flaming Amaryllis of indescribable beauty; Gloxinias, spotted, marked and colored most exqutsitely; great spikes of waxy Tuberoses of wonderful purity and fragrance; lovely, graceful, charming Zephyranthes and Mexican Gems; exquisite Dahlias and fantastic Tigridias.

Bulbs are favorites with all, and they are planted by many who will not grow any other class of flowers. They are so easily grown and so satisfactory to everyone that they are invaluable. Summer-flowering Bulbs require no skill and very little attention to grow them to perfection. Plant them in the garden in spring, after servere freezing is passed, and they will soon be up and will flourish and bloom all summer. In Autumn, after early freezing, the Bulbs should be lifted and stored in a cellar or some other position away from frost, for planting again the following spring. We are headquarters for Summer-flowering Bulbs, and grow and sell more of them than any other two houses in the world.

The Gladiolus.

The Gladiolus is our leading specialty, and our collection is the largest and finest in the world—in fact, we supply most of the bulbs which the world uses. We grow about one hundred acres of them and upwards of 15,000,000 flowering bulbs. Gladiolus being our leading specialty, are here offered at less than one-half the usual price. Our Childsi's and Lemoine's are simply grand. Do not miss them.

The Gladiolus is the most satisfactory, the most desirable and the most popular of all garden bulbs. Nothing else of the kind costs so little, and nothing else grows and blooms so readily for anybody and everybody, in any soil or climate. It is, in short, the most satisfactory garden flower, thriving and blooming, as it does, with the least care and attention, and makes a display which for brilliancy and beauty of coloring, few bulbs can equal and none surpass. The Gladiolus is to the flower garden what bread is to man, "The staff of life." Our collection is so large that many of the finest and highest priced sorts of European Catalogues can be supplied by us by the ten thousands, and we offer them at very low prices. Not only do we grow the finest varieties of Gandevensis by the million, but also Lemoine's New Hardy Hybrids. But the finest of all Gladiolus is the new strain, Childsi. This novelty is of such sterling worth that it deserves more than special attention.

CULTURE.—Gladiolus are of the simplest culture. Plant at any time from April to July, in any fairly good soil, well spaded. Set in rows three inches apart, or in masses, six inches apart each way. Plant in full sun, if possible, and keep down weeds. They bloom from July to October. After fall frost, lift the bulbs, and, after removing the tops, let them dry for two or three weeks in any airy position, under cover. Then, after removing the roots, store them in a cellar, or any cool, dry place, away from frost, for planting again the following spring.

Gladiolus and their Culture.

This is a complete and unique treatise on the Gladiolus, giving all needful information regarding the different species and their culture. It is finely illustrated, and is a valuable work on this most important garden flower. Price, 10c., postpaid.

Mixed Gladiolus.

Our mixed Gladiolus are not the poor, dull colors, old discarded red sorts and worthless seedlings usually sent out as Mixtures. On the contrary, they are made up from splendid named sorts, brightest and more varied colors, white, yellow, pink, rose, blush, intense scarlet, carmine, violet, striped, blotched, variegated, etc. All old, common, and poor sorts have been discarded, and this mixture is of the highest grade.

Mixed, All Colors, First Size—Extra large flowering bulbs. Per dozen, 30c.; per 100, $2.25; per 1,000, $20.00, by mail.

Mixed, All Colors, Second Size—These are all fine blooming, young, vigorous bulbs. Per dozen, 15c.; per 100, $1.00; per 1,000, $8.00, by mail.

Mixed, White and Light Varieties only—First size, 30c. per dozen; $2.25 per 100.

Mixed, Scarlet Varieties only—25c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

Mixed, Pink Varieties only—25c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

For Mixed Gladiolus Childsi see page 77.

Large Gladiolus Bulbs.

EXTRA LOW PRICE BY EXPRESS.

No flower so adorns the garden or lawn as does the Gladiolus, and none are more easily grown or so fine for decorating churches, rooms, dining tables, halls, stores, offices, etc. That our customes can afford to plant them extensively, we offer

Large Flowering Bulbs, Mixed—Choicest varieties and finest flowers, by express, 100 for $1.50; 300 for $4.00.

Gladiolus Seed.

It is very interesting to raise Gladiolus from seed. The range of color and beauty of bloom in seedlings is very great. One never sees two seedlings alike. Sow seed in light, sandy soil in the open ground, about corn planting time, and shade until they germinate. Might be started earlier in hot-beds, if desired. Seedlings generally bloom the second summer.

Hybrids, Mixed, All Colors—Very fine. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 25c.

Lemoinei Hybrids, Mixed—Sometimes blooms the first summer, and always the second. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Childsi, Mixed Colors—Finest of all. Pkt., 20c.; 3 pkts. 50c.

One pkt. each of Hybrid, Lemoinei and Childsi for 25c.

GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

It is difficult to describe flowers of such varied and peculiar beauty as these Gladiolus. They are much stronger and more vigorous than others, the growth being exceedingly rank and the foliage dark, healthy green. They are very tall and erect, often standing four or five feet high, with spikes of bloom over two feet in length. They branch freely, in most cases each stem producing three or four spikes of bloom, and bloom much earlier than ordinary varieties. The flowers are of great substance and gigantic size, frequently seven to nine inches across. The form of both flower and spike is perfection itself, and they last in bloom a long time before fading, owing to their great substance and vigor, but the most remarkable feature is the coloring. Orchids cannot surpass them in their varied and delicate shades, markings and blendings. Every color known among Gladiolus is represented, and many never before seen, particularly blues, smoky grays and purple-blacks, all having beautiful mottled and spotted throats, made up of white, crimson, pink, yellow, etc., and in this peculiar net-work of charming spots and colors lies one of its special points of unsurpassed beauty. They far outrank all other Gladiolus in size of spike, size of bloom, vigor, varied and magnificent coloring and freedom of bloom. They were produced by Max Leichtin of Germany, the most noted horticulturalist in the world, and are the result of a careful cross between the finer varieties of Gandevensis and that lovely species Saundersoni.

ELEGANT NAMED Gladiolus Childsi.

Following fifteen sorts, 5c. each; 50c. per dozen. The fifteen for 60c.

Aurea Superba–Foliage yellowish. Flowers and spikes large. Soft orange-scarlet, distinct white blotches and mottling.

Bowdoin–Very large flower, light orange-scarlet, with large, pure white throat. Very exquisite.

Boston–Flaming orange-scarlet, with large white throat.

Columbia–Light orange-scarlet, freely blotched and penciled with bluish purple. Throat freely mottled.

Dr. Sellew–Large spike and very large flower, of great substance. Deep, rich rosy crimson, slightly penciled darker. Center of petals and throat rayed white.

Ethel–Beautiful soft rose color, with white and crimson.

Henry Gillman–Deep salmon-scarlet, with pure white bands; the throat showing peculiar mottling.

Livonia–Light red, with white mottled throat.

Mohonk–A strong, rank grower, flowers of large size and great substance. Deep dark pink, with spotted throat, shaded orange and flaked with maroon.

Nezinscott–Bright blood scarlet, with deep, velvety crimson-black blotches and white mottling in throat.

Old Oxford–Slaty crimson heavily clouded with blue. Large crimson and white mottled.

Wm. Falconer–Spike of great length and flowers of enormous size. Light pink and blush, mottled.

Mrs. Beecher–Beautiful deep rosy crimson. Large, well opened flower, with pure white throat, freely marked and spotted.

Marginata–Fine salmon, with crimson and white throat, each petal having a delicate margin of slate blue.

Princeton–Large flaming red, with violet and white mottlings in throat, spikes of great length.

Following sixteen sorts, 10c. each; $1.00 per dozen. The sixteen for $1.25.

Brilliant—Beautiful orange-red, with carmine and white throat. Superior to Meyerbeer and other scarlets.
Dr. Parkhurst—A spike nearly three feet in length and bearing upwards of 25 flowers. Dark, brilliant red, with an elegantly white mottled throat. A superb variety.
Deborah—Dark red, tinged with amaranth. Very large pure white throat and blotches white band through petals.
Eva—Beautiful rose, shaded and marked with slate. Throat finely mottled with various colors.
Gracilis—Slender, graceful spike with large flowers of a dull red color, margined and penciled with slate blue.
Hohokus—Large, flaming crimson; throat mottled bright magenta.
Little Blush—Dwarf habit, compact spike of blush white.
Mrs. La Mance—White overspread with a slight lilac shadow, the mottling being purplish crimson.
Middleboro—Salmon-pink, freely flaked and penciled with deep rose, and carmine mottled throat.
Mottled Gem—Large, spreading flower, showing an unusually large throat, beautifully mottled white, violet and scarlet.
Newark—Orange-red, with white and crimson mottled throat.
Oddity—Deep amaranth red, deeply suffused with purple-blue. Large distinct white marks and red and white mottled throat.
Splendor—A splendid large flower, of the softest, sweetest rose color. Large magenta strains, with purple and white mottlings.
Sacramento—Deep, bright coral-scarlet, with white mottlings.
Torch-Light—Very large spike of large, light, flaming scarlet flowers. Throat mottled and spotted white and violet.
Peoria—Slaty lilac, with white and crimson throat.

Following twenty-one sorts, 20c. each; $2.00 per doz. The twenty-one for $3.50.

Allerton—Bright rosy red, blotched and marked with carmine.
Africa—Dark amaranth, shaded black, with large green-tinted white center. Very distinct, odd and conspicuous.
A. H. Goldsmith—Large flower of great substance. Color pink, mottled and striped with dark crimson. White throat.
Burlington—Bright pink, beautifully tinged with orange-scarlet. Carmine and white mottled throat.
Beverly—Large, light-red. Clouded and shaded smoky blue.
Erie—Bright, rosy carmine, with canary colored throat.
Elaborate—Bright fiery red, freely penciled with brilliant amaranth and large white throat. Very fine.
Fedora—Large fine salmon-rose, with large mottled throat.
Governor McCormack—Extra large flower and russ. Beautiful rose, mottled with silvery gray and with violet and white mottled throat. Very fine, being of unusual beauty and oddity.
Keokuk—Deep, bright pink, clouded, tinted and spotted slate-blue.
Lael—Soft pink, with bright carmine throat, shaded with orange and having a peculiar metallic lustre. Enormous.
Little Violet—Dwarf habit compact spike of a pleasing lilac.
Lizzie—White, tinted blush; violet crimson throat.
Marguerethe—Large flower and spike. Bright red, freely marked, blotched and suffused with slate-blue.
Mrs. W. N. Bird—Beautiful lilac-rose, crimson-white mottlings in throat, and carmine marks. Extra fine.
Nakomis—Soft pink, blotched and shaded with orange; white and crimson throat. Enormous spikes.
Ruby—Very dark, deep ruby red, with bright violet and white mottling in throat. An exceedingly rich color.
Salem—Fine salmon-pink, dark velvety maroon blotches.
Siboney—Slaty gray, marked and mottled darker.
St. Oscar Large, well-open flowers, rosy pink outside and blush-pink inside, with throat variegations of different colors.
Senator Childs—Large, well-opened flower, deep glowing red, with enormous white throat. Extra fine.

Following fifteen sorts, 30c. each; $3 per doz. The fifteen for $3.50.

Adolph Close—Large spreading flower of a peculiar slaty blue color, with large crimson and white throat.
Bessie Tanner—Very large, beautiful soft rose color, with pure white throat. Exquisite.
Falconer's Favorite—Very strong, rank grower, enormous spike; flower large, deep ruby brilliant red, white band petals.
Kitty Leland—Bright rosy salmon, with orange tinge. Flower spike often as much as three feet in length, showing between twenty and thirty blossoms, which are of the largest size.
Savannah—Deep blood red, with white mottled throat.
Sandusky—Carmine red, penciled and flaked darker.
Striped Banner—Very tall, with long spike. Flowers large and well open; white, freely marked and striped deepest crimson.
Tinted White—A very large flower, well open and a pure white color, beautifully tinted with pale pink. Tall spike and vigorous.
Waukesha—Salmon-pink, shaded lighter inside; large beautiful primrose throat, thickly mottled crimson. Spikes 2 to 3 feet.
Winthrop—Very bright scarlet. Inside of petals suffused with pure white mottlings, and with large white blotches outside.
Tuxedo—Fine rose, marbled with crimson, throat showing large white stripes and beautiful mottlings.
M. Zolar—Lilac rose, flamed slate.
Saratoga—Large, flaming orange-scarlet; white mottled throat.
Dexter—Orange-red, with gray and carmine throat; mottled.
Red Cap—Dwarf, pretty bright red.

Following twenty sorts, 5oc. each; $5.00 per doz. The twenty for $7.

Admiral Dewey—Enormous, beautiful silvery pink, with velvety crimson markings.
Ada—Bright, soft rosy scarlet, white mottled throat.
Ben Hur—Large compact spike, enormous flower of a peculiar and almost indescribable color. Light salmon-rose, tinged, flaked and mottled with blue. Throat beautifully mottled and spotted.
Beacon—Large, flaming red; mottled throat.
Blanche—Large flower, pure snow white, with but faint marks of soft rose. Finest white.
Cincinnati—Large pink, flaked bright orange; rich velvety amaranth throat.
Colonel Wood—Bright scarlet, mottled throat.
General Roe—A profuse irregular mottling of pink and slate, subject to wide variations.
Governor Saxton—Deep amaranth, almost black, striped, shaded and mottled with red. A very odd and conspicuous color.
Jay—Compact spike; large open flower of great substance. Bright crimson-pink, flamed darker, throat mottled.
Lowell—Fine pink and carmine, beautifully striped like Eugene Scribe. Good substance.
Mrs. R. A. Goldsmith—Large flower, fine spike. Soft, delicate rose, shaded lighter. Pure white throat.
Nilo—Amaranth red shaded purple, numerously blotched and flaked with slate, and beautiful, large, pure white center. Mottled and spotted with crimson.
Oriole—Lovely mottling of pink and gray, with beautiful yellow banded throat. Small flower, but exquisitely colored.
Perfect Beauty—Very large flower of a tinted white color. Beautifully spotted with magenta.
Sentry—Blush-pink, spotted crimson. Dwarf.
Daisy Leland—Enormous spike and flower. Easily the largest flower produced by any Gladiolus. Bright rosy pink of exquisite loveliness. Spike gracefully curved.
President McKinley—Flower of gigantic size, light scarlet with very large and conspicuous white throat.
Rosendale—Lilac-rose, tinged slate-blue.
Variabilis—Enormous size and vigor, standing nearly seven feet high with the largest spike ever seen on any Gladiolus. But this is not the only great merit. The flowers range in color from dull deep pink, flaked with blue-black, to a solid blue-black color of smoky hue, flaked with pink. Some spikes will be one color and some the other, while flowers of both colors are often seen on the same spike. Throat mottled white.

Gladiolus Childsi Novelties.

The following new varieties of Gladiolus Childsi are offered now for the first time.

Duchess—Strong luxuriant grower, with immense spikes 2 feet in length, color peculiar mottling of light and dark salmon-reds, with white spotted and mottled throat.

Harry C. Parker—Another very strong grower with peculiar colored large blossoms. Purplish red of various shades, striped and mottled. Light central bars and a throat finely striped violet, crimson and white.

Tanager—Deep brilliant red, a color exceedingly rich and beautiful.

Pearl—Light rosy pink, beautifully tinged violet and having pure white bars through center of each petal. Exceedingly pretty.

Buffalo—A fine mottling of different shades of red, light and dark; strong grower and handsome.

Edith—Light soft rose, striped crimson, yellow shaded throat; very pleasing color.

Fantastic—Large flaming scarlet of a bright shade, freely penciled deep crimson. Elegant spike.

Harlequin—White and dark crimson freely suffused, striped, mottled and spotted. Very handsome and unique color.

Belzebub—Deep rich red, penciled maroon. Entire inside of throat beautifully mottled.

Portland—Rosy-red, penciled darker, white mottled throat.

Wyandanch—Very light red, white throat and white band through each petal splendid color.

Indian-Chief—Brilliant ruby red, clear and distinct white stripes through three lower petals. Very rich color.

PRICE—*75c. each; the 12 for $7.00.*

One Bulb each of the 99 sorts, G. Childsi, for $16.00.

FINE MIXED GLADIOLUS CHILDSI.

First Size—All colors and varieties. Every one an exquisite beauty. Large flowering bulbs, 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.; 100 for $3.00.

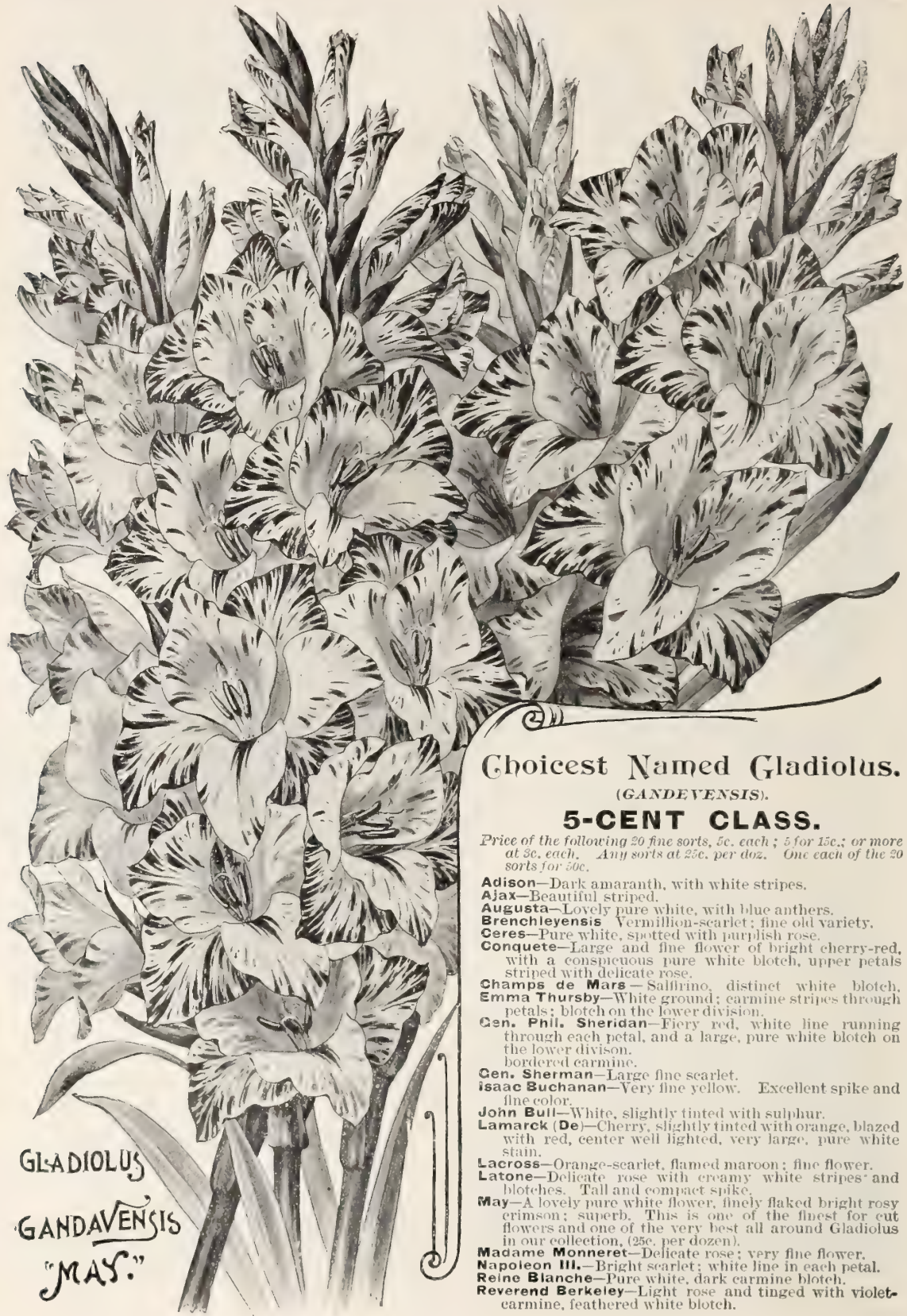
Second Size—All fine blooming bulbs, 25c. per dozen; $2.00 per 100.

Groff's Hybrid Gladiolus.

This is a mixture and Hybrids of all sorts, Gandevensis, Lemoinei and Childsi, giving in one bed the greatest possible range of colors and varieties. 30c. per dozen; $2,50 per 100.

100 Gladiolus, Small Bulbs, $1.50.

For only $1.50 we will mail 50 Gandevensis, 25 Childsi Mixed, and 25 Lemoinei Mixed, in all, 100 Bulbs of small but flowering size. They will make a fine bed of flowers



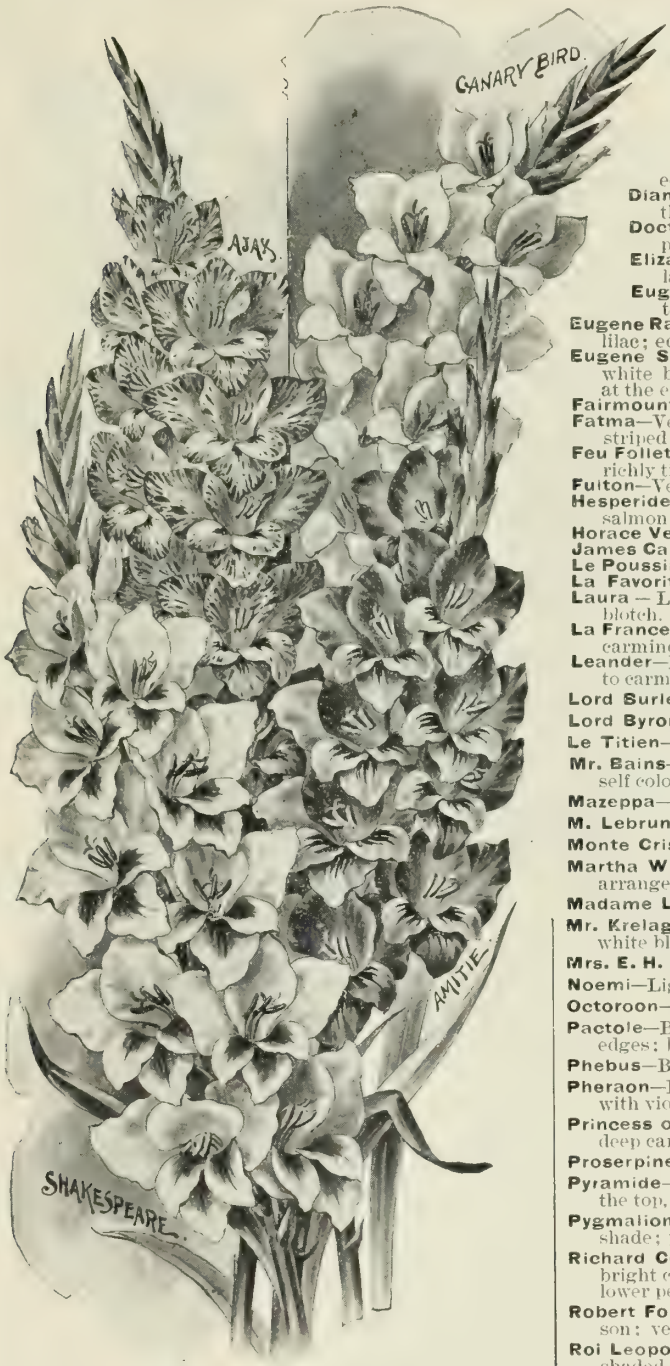
Choicest Named Gladiolus.

(*GANDEVENSIS*).

5-CENT CLASS.

Price of the following 20 fine sorts, 5c. each; 5 for 15c.; or more at 3c. each. Any sorts at 25c. per doz. One each of the 20 sorts for 50c.

Adison—Dark amaranth, with white stripes.
Ajax—Beautiful striped.
Augusta—Lovely pure white, with blue anthers.
Brenchleyensis—Vermillion-scarlet; fine old variety.
Ceres—Pure white, spotted with purplish rose.
Conquete—Large and fine flower of bright cherry-red, with a conspicuous pure white blotch, upper petals striped with delicate rose.
Champs de Mars—Saffrino, distinct white blotch.
Emma Thursby—White ground; carmine stripes through petals; blotch on the lower division.
Gen. Phil. Sheridan—Fiery red, white line running through each petal, and a large, pure white blotch on the lower divison.
bordered carmine.
Gen. Sherman—Large fine scarlet.
Isaac Buchanan—Very fine yellow. Excellent spike and fine color.
John Bull—White, slightly tinted with sulphur.
Lamarck (De)—Cherry, slightly tinted with orange, blazed with red, center well lighted, very large, pure white stain.
Lacross—Orange-scarlet, flamed maroon; fine flower.
Latone—Delicate rose with creamy white stripes and blotches. Tall and compact spike.
May—A lovely pure white flower, finely flaked bright rosy crimson; superb. This is one of the finest for cut flowers and one of the very best all around Gladiolus in our collection, (25c. per dozen).
Madame Monneret—Delicate rose; very fine flower.
Napoleon III.—Bright scarlet; white line in each petal.
Reine Blanche—Pure white, dark carmine blotch.
Reverend Berkeley—Light rose and tinged with violet-carmine, feathered white blotch.



10-CENT CLASS.

Price of these 60 sorts, 10c. each; any 3 for 20c.; or 60c. per dozen. One each of the 60 sorts for $2.50.

Amitie—Large spike of large, fleshy, rose-colored flowers, shaded with straw-color on the lower petals, streaked with purple, the edge flamed with rose.

Amalthee—Pure white with violet-red blotch; ground of the corolla velvety violet, the lower petals tinted lilac.

Bayard—Large carmine-red flowers, slightly tinged with lilac and delicately banded with white in the center.

Big Medicine—Blush white, marked violet.

Canary Bird—Finest yellow color yet seen in any Gladiolus. Good spike, and flower of much substance. Extra fine.

Chamont—Lilac, shaded with purple.

Chrysolora—Golden yellow, pure and distinct.

Corsaire—Compact spike, large flowers of intense dark and velvety scarlet, and tinted with brown at the edges.

Countess Craven—Rose, flaked carmine.

Conquerant Handsome spike of very large carmine, with a pure white blotch, and a well defined white band.

Delicatissime—White, suffused with soft, carmine-lilac, the pure white lower petal edged lilac.

Diamant—Fleshy white, of a remarkable freshness; throat ivory-white, blotched and streaked carmine.

Doctor Hogg—Mauve, suffused with rose; center pure white.

Elizabeth—Dark rose, flamed dark carmine-purple; large purple-carmine blotch, with white stripes.

Eugene Scribe—Flowers very large and wide; perfect tender rose, blazed carmine-red; extra fine.

Eugene Ramey—Purplish amaranth, with a sheen of ivory-lilac; edges mottled slate.

Eugene Souchet—Bright rose color, relievedby a large white blotch and stripes, rising from the intense color at the edge of the petals.

Fairmount—Blush white, blotched carmine.

Fatma—Very large flowers of ivory-white ground, profusely striped with bright rosy salmon; violet blotch.

Feu Follet—Well opened flowers, with ivory-white throat, richly tinted and striped with carmine at the edges.

Fulton—Velvety vermillion.

Hesperide—Profusely blotched and flaked bright rosy salmon on a pure white ground.

Horace Vernet—Large purple-red, with white blotch.

James Carter Light orange-red; large white blotch.

Le Poussin—Light red, white blotch.

La Favorite—Rose, flamed carmine; lower petals yellow.

Laura—Light orange red, tinged with carmine; white blotch.

La France—Pure white flowers; are slightly flamed with carmine toward the edges; large amaranth blotch.

Leander—Large flowers of lilac color beautifully shading off to carmine; distinct white band and blotch in each petal.

Lord Surleigh - Watermelon-red; light throat.

Lord Byron - Brilliant scarlet, blotched pure white.

Le Titien—Brilliant rose-scarlet.

Mr. Bains—A wonderful distinct color, a clear, light red; self color.

Mazeppa—Fine orange. Good perfect flower.

M. Lebrun d' Albane—Brilliant red, white blotch.

Monte Cristo - Beautiful pink striped.

Martha Washington—Light yellow, of large size, in a well arranged spike; lower petals tinged with rose.

Madame Lesebie—Pure white; large purplish rose blotch.

Mr. Krelage—Terra cotta red, flamed with smoke color; white blotch with carmine lining.

Mrs. E. H. Krelage—Fiery red; white blotch, with carmine.

Noemi—Light rosy lilac.

Octoroon—A beautiful salmon-pink; very distinct.

Pactole—Beautiful yellow, slightly tinged with rose at the edges; blotch of darker shade.

Phebus—Brilliant red; large pure white blotch.

Pheraon—Large cherry-red flowers, streaked and edged with violet; center band of petals white.

Princess of Wales—White; flamed with carmine-rose; deep carmine blotch.

Proserpine—Rosy white.

Pyramide—Perfect spike, broader at the lower part than at the top, large, well expanded orange-rose.

Pygmalion—Cherry-red, slightly flamed with a darker shade; pure white blotch, feathered violet; white band.

Richard Cœur de Lion—Fine spike of large flowers of a bright crimson-red color flamed and edged with garnet; lower petals spotted and blotched golden yellow.

Robert Fortune—Orange-lake, shading off to purple-crimson; veined white.

Roi Leopold - Blush rose slightly suffused with orange and shaded deep currant-red; white blotch.

Romulus—Very brilliant dark red; large, pure white blotch; larger white lines on the lower petals.

Seduction Rosy salmon, very bright and open, throat very clear, with large white blotch, and is feathered carmine.

Shakespeare—White, very slightly suffused with carmine-rose; large rosy blotch.

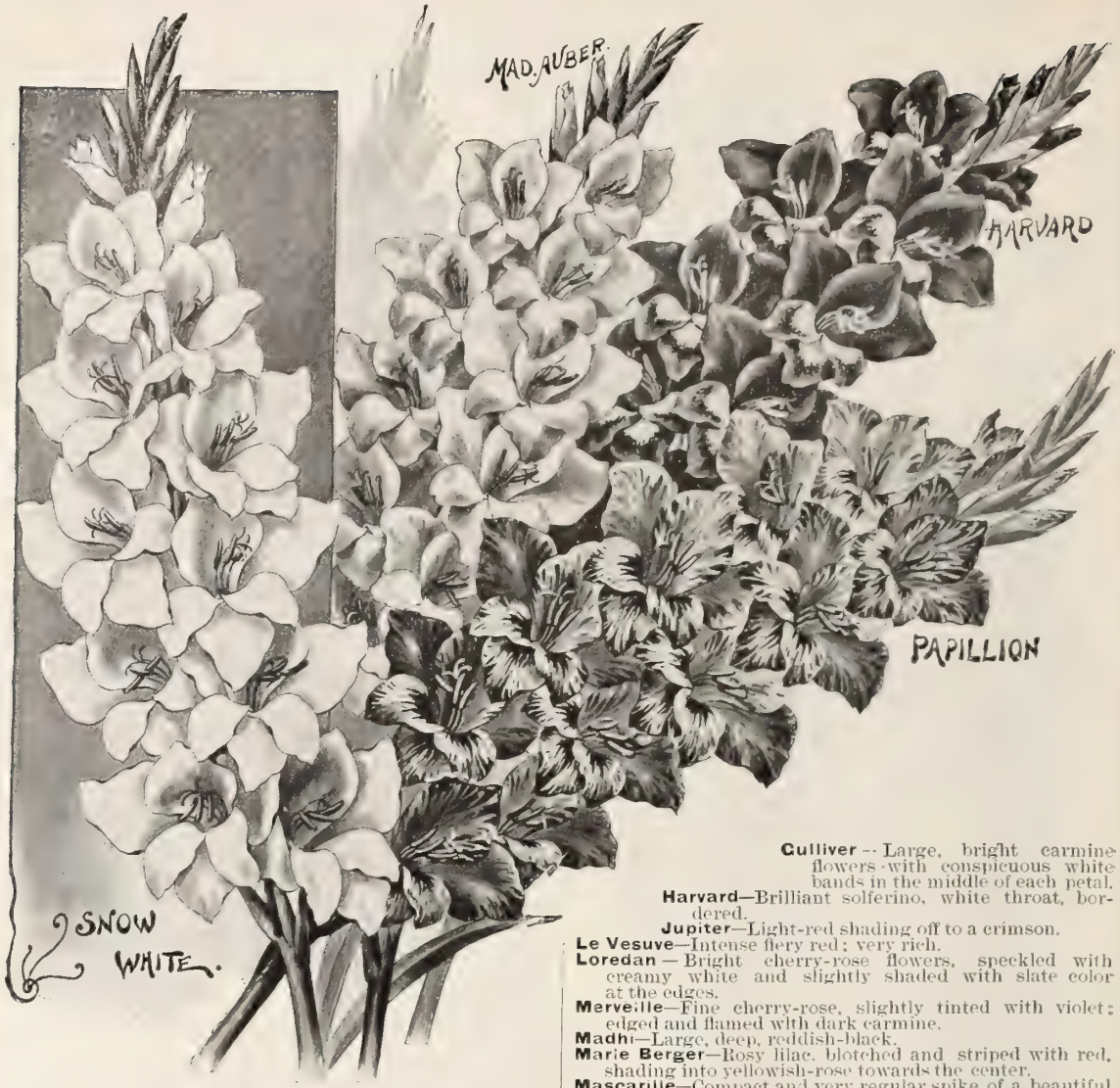
Stanley—Handsome spike of well-shaped flowers, very open, large, rosy-salmon, flamed all over with the deepest rose.

Sylphide—Pure white, flamed carmine. Extra large and fine.

Teresita—Uper petals of pure white, suffused with rose, and striped carmine at the edges, lower petals pale rose, largely blotched and striped with bright violet.

Thalia—White, flamed and streaked with carmine.

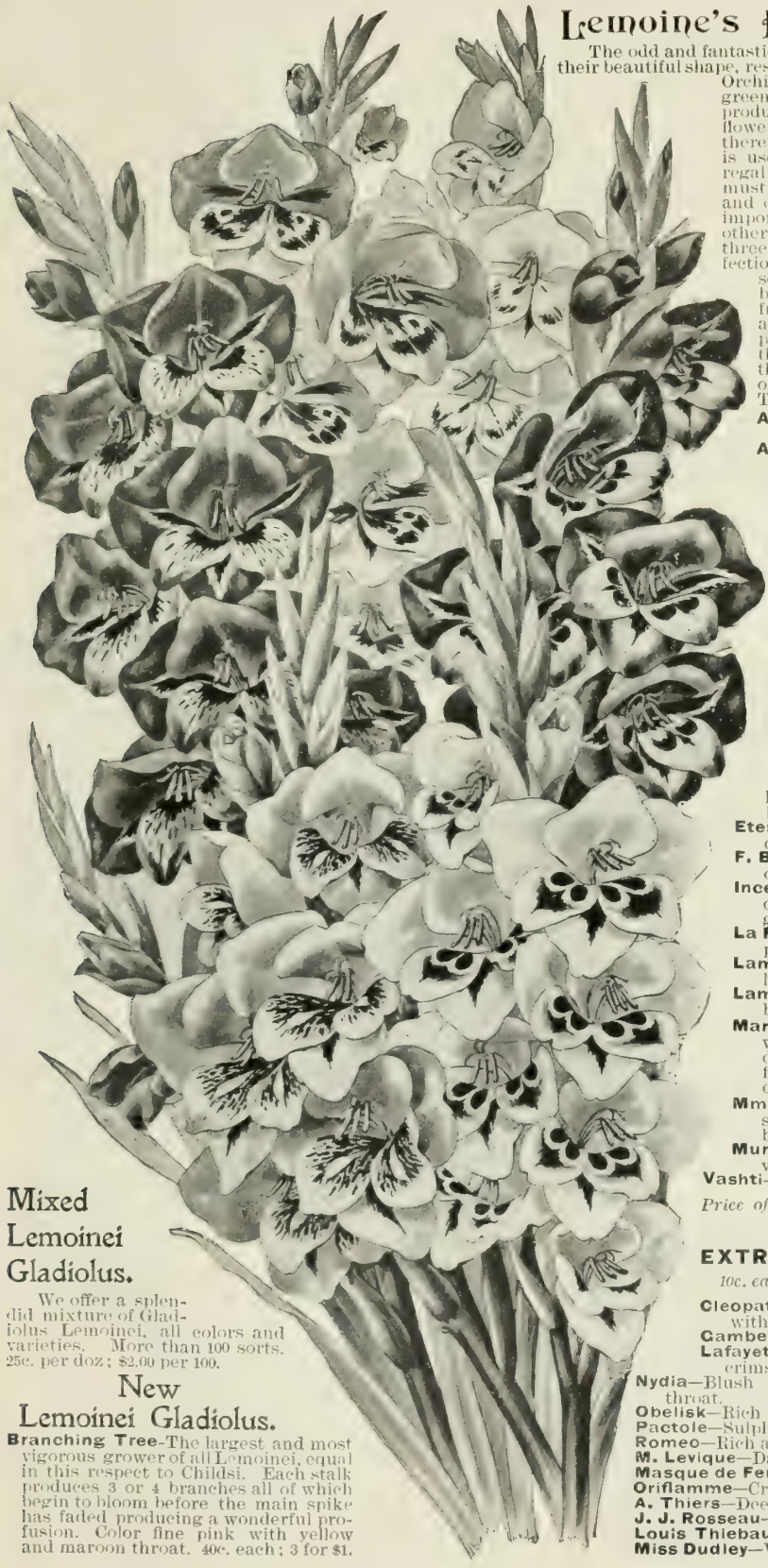
Van Spandonk—Fiery red; splendid.



20-CENT CLASS.

Price of the following 40 sorts, 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; or $1.50 per doz. One each of the 40 sorts for $6.00.

Andre Leroy—Deep cherry-red, flamed and striped darker; white blotch and white stripes in center of each petal.
Angele—White, showy and effective.
Aurore—Bright salmon-rose, striped orange, carmine and lilac; blotch cherry-rose, streaked violet.
Antonius—Scarlet-cherry, slightly tinged with orange; flamed carmine; pure white blotch.
Archduchess Marie Christine—White, slightly tinged with lilac, flamed rosy carmine.
Bicolore—Large flowers of bright rosy salmon, except lower petals, which are ivory-white, suffused with rose at edges.
Baroness Burdett-Coutts—Delicate lilac tinged with rose, flamed rosy purple; spike very long, flowers large.
Calypso—Flesh-colored rose, streaked and blotched carmine.
Coralie—White, tinted with rose and yellow; flamed with bright rose, yellow blotch.
Ciceron—Fine lilac.
Carnation—Fleshy white, profusely tinted at the edges with richest carmine, lower petals blotched purplish carmine.
Fra Diavolo—Long, compact spike of large, bright orange-red flowers flushed violet-red at the edges of the sepals; large, pale yellow blotch.
Flamingo—Fiery red; blotch of rich purple.
Canymede—Compact and tall spikes of rosy carmine flowers with amaranth sheen.
Crover Cleveland—Very tall spike, good sized flower which varies in color from bright orange-red to blush-gray, marked and blotched with amaranth and smoky red.
Culliver—Large, bright carmine flowers with conspicuous white bands in the middle of each petal.
Harvard—Brilliant solferino, white throat, bordered.
Jupiter—Light-red shading off to a crimson.
Le Vesuve—Intense fiery red; very rich.
Loredan—Bright cherry-rose flowers, speckled with creamy white and slightly shaded with slate color at the edges.
Merveille—Fine cherry-rose, slightly tinted with violet; edged and flamed with dark carmine.
Madhi—Large, deep, reddish-black.
Marie Berger—Rosy lilac, blotched and striped with red, shading into yellowish-rose towards the center.
Mascarille—Compact and very regular spike of a beautiful salmon-rose color.
Murillo—Fine cherry-rose on a light ground; white blotch, with a white stripe down each petal.
Orpheus—Rosy cherry flamed carmine; purple blotch.
Panorama—Large spike of well arranged flowers; beautiful lilac, shaded and mottled with brilliant carmine; throat creamy white; center of each petal banded white.
Pres. Lincoln—Fine spike and flower, violet-blush streaked darker.
Papillon—A compact well-formed spike, with flowers of a yellow ground, conspicuously flaked and bordered red.
Penelope—Blush-white; lower petals tinted yellow, streaked carmine.
Pepita—Rich yellow.
Queen of the Fairies—Fine light sulphur-yellow, shaded.
Red Cloud—Salmon-pink, flamed with carmine, lighter center, outer portion of petals have a frosted look.
Snow White—This grand novelty is absolutely pure *snow-white*, the only pure white Gladiolus in existence. It also has large, well open flowers and an enormous spike of the most perfect and beautiful shape.
Sceptre de Flore—Flowers large, with white throat, having in the center a carmine-red star; the shade of the petals brightens to the richest rose color spotted with carmine.
Sunset—Lovely pink, blotched and flamed darker.
Sultana—Bright satin-rose flamed with carmine, purple-carmine blotch.
Sylvie—White, slightly edged with delicate cherry-rose, throat very clear, perfectly shaped flowers.
Talma—Rosy carmine flowers flamed with bright carmine, and striped scarlet and pale violet.
Victor Jacquemont—Bright orange, flamed with scarlet; blotch bright violet, streaked and speckled pure white.



Lemoine's Hardy Gladiolus.

The odd and fantastic markings of these Gladiolus, and their beautiful shape, resemble the fascinating beauty of the Orchid. Yellow, crimson, white, brown, green, pink, etc., are blended together, producing an effect seen in no other flower. They are of recent introduction, therefore, new and quite unknown. It is useless to attempt to describe their regal beauty, for it cannot be done. They must be seen. Besides their gay colors and odd markings, they have two very important points of superiority over other sorts. First, they bloom two or three weeks earlier and are in full perfection before others appear; and secondly, they are hardy and may be left in the ground over winter, from year to year, without lifting in autumn; yet we do not advise this plan, as we think it better to lift them in the fall and store them in the cellar, that they may be planted out in fresh, mellow soil in spring. They do well either way.

Atlas—Clear violet, large velvety maroon blotch.
Admiral Pierre—Large flowers, round, very open; dark carmine-red, lower divisions clouded with purplish maroon, surrounded with light yellow.
Bejazet—Lovely light pink, shading to delicate blush; velvety carmine blotches.
Bassuet—Large, brilliant vermillion.
Chas. Martel—Rosy blush, intense large carmine blotch.
Creole—Of unusually fine form; color rosy blush, flamed and shaded with carmine; deep crimson blotch.
De Cheville—Salmon-red, buff blotch.
Edison—A beautiful combination of many rich colors.
Emille Lemoine—Bright vermillion dotted gold.
Enfant de Nancy—Purplish red, lower petals deep crimson, and blotching entirely new.
Etendard—Light brick-red, with large canary and crimson blotches.
F. Bergman—Large, well-open flower orange-pink, with carmine stains.
Incendiary—Fiery red, large blotch of crimson-red on lower petals, small gold markings.
La France—Light salmon; velvety purple, blotched on yellow ground.
Lamarck—Salmon, crimson and yellow spots.
Lamartine—Rosy flesh, with large, bright maroon blotch.
Marie Lemoine—Large spike of fine, well-expanded flowers; upper divisions of a pale creamy color, flushed salmon-lilac, the lower divisions spotted violet and yellow.
Mme. Lemoiner—White, tinged with salmon; large violet and maroon blotches.
Murillo—Bright claret-red, with velvety crimson throat.
Vashti—Creamy white, blotched carmine

Price of above, 5c. each; any 5 for 20c.; the 20 sorts for 80c.

EXTRA FINE and RARE SORTS

10c. each; any 3 for 25c.; the 14 for $1.00.

Cleopatra—Red, carmine blotches, tinged with yellow.
Gambetta—Dark amaranth-red. Rich.
Lafayette—Very large, yellowish salmon, crimson blotches.
Nydia—Blush pink, with large orange-scarlet throat.
Obelisk—Rich solferino, deep crimson blotch.
Pactole—Sulphur-yellow, spotted black.
Romeo—Rich and beautifully colored.
M. Levique—Dark crimson.
Masque de Fer—Dark crimson-black.
Oriflamme—Crimson, blotched black.
A. Thiers—Deep lilac-rose.
J. J. Rosseau—Salmon, maroon and gold.
Louis Thiebaut—Lilac-red, white markings.
Miss Dudley—White and crimson.

Mixed Lemoinei Gladiolus.

We offer a splendid mixture of Gladiolus Lemoinei, all colors and varieties. More than 100 sorts. 25c. per doz; $2.00 per 100.

New Lemoinei Gladiolus.

Branching Tree—The largest and most vigorous grower of all Lemoinei, equal in this respect to Childsi. Each stalk produces 3 or 4 branches all of which begin to bloom before the main spike has faded producing a wonderful profusion. Color fine pink with yellow and maroon throat. 40c. each; 3 for $1.

Amaryllis.

A royal family of bulbs, with large umbels of magnificent Lily-like flowers of largest size and richest coloring. Besides the pure white, pale flesh and soft pink shades are many intense and brilliant shades of crimson, scarlet, orange and vermillion, either self-color or boldly striped with white, green or red. Can be kept in pots the year round, or planted out in open ground during summer. Alternate rest and growth is the secret of big Amaryllis blossoms, and lots of them. While growing give them all the sun and moisture possible; but while at rest, give very little water, or none at all. The finer varieties increase so slowy as to be always high in price. Each.

Regina—Bulbs large and strong, ready to commence growth as soon as potted, and will soon bloom. Flowers very large, wide-open or spreading shape. Color, soft, light scarlet, with white center or throat. The charming color and beautiful shape of the flower makes this one of the choicest of the large and celebrated race of Amaryllis species. 3 for 30c..... 15

Aulica Platipetala—Large vigorous grower. Bulbs and flowers of enormous size; color, deep blood-crimson, shaded black. A grand variety..... 75

J. L. Childs—White and pink, finely striped and mottled. 1 00

Formosissima—There is hardly a flower which has such a deep, rich, velvety crimson color, a color so intensely brilliant as this. It is a free bloomer and succeeds well either in pots or in the open ground, and blooms very soon after planting. Few flowers can equal it in richness and beauty of color, and it generally blooms within a month after planting..... 15

Solandriaeflora—Magnificent large perfect blossoms, of many fine colors, variegated..... 1 00

Clovis—Fine transparent red with large pure white stripes. Enormous well-open flower..... 1 00

Hamilton Hybrids—Extra fine hybrids which bloom at all times of the year. Flowers large and well formed and of two colors, scarlet and white, variegated..... 60

Johnsonii—A grand old sort, always popular. Flowers large and very beautiful, deep red, striped white..... 50

Treatea—Beautiful, large Lily-like blossoms, pure snow-white, of charming beauty and fragrance. They generally commence blooming within a few weeks after planting, and nearly every bulb produces from two to five flowers. For pot culture bulbs can be planted at any time during the winter or spring, and will soon bloom. Five or six may be planted in a five-inch pot. In open ground they are also fine, 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c. 5

Crinum Ornatum—This is the king of the Amaryllis tribe; it produces a large round bulb, which grows to weigh as much as ten pounds. It can be treated as a pot plant, or grown in the garden as a summer flowering bulb. It is of the easiest culture, and sure to succeed with everyone. Its flowers are large, and like a most beautiful Lily, borne in immense clusters at the top of the stout scapes. Color, soft, delicate blush, with a scarlet bar through the center of each petal and very sweet scented..... 40

The Giant Ismene.

Those who are familiar with the true Ismene cannot say enough in praise of its beauty and purity. The flowers are of very large size, like an Amaryllis, novel form, and of snowy whiteness, and are also exceedingly fragrant. It is really one of the most lovely of all the great Amaryllis tribe, having a peculiar grandeur which one can appreciate at sight, but cannot describe. Bulbs are large and strong and begin to flower in two or three weeks after planting, sending up tall flower stems, which bear several of its magnificent blossoms. As a pot plant it is grand, and as a garden bulb treated like a Gladiolus it is one of the choicest of all flowers. Do not fail to try it. It will more than please you for it is superior to the Bermuda Easter Lily as a flowering bulb. Strong flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

New Hardy Spider Lily.

This grand new Spider Lily has the advantage of being perfectly hardy, and when left undisturbed a few years forms large, imposing clumps that are a mass of clustered heads of pure white, fragrant flowers. The flowers have a peculiar and striking beauty which must be seen to be appreciated. The flowers are born in large clusters, are of waxy whiteness and unsurpassed fragrance. More beautiful than most of the high priced Lilies. An extra choice garden flower which we cannot too strongly recommend. Also a fine pot plant. Fine flowering bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Grand Flowering Cannas.

These are now the most popular and most magnificent of all summer blooming plants for brilliant bedding and massing, and are among the very finest of all pot plants, either for summer or winter blooming. The following named sorts are the best of the new and better known large flowering Dwarf varieties. We have selected these varieties after careful tests of hundreds of sorts, and our customers can rely upon them as being the most magnificent and desirable in every respect, combining large flowers of great brilliancy with beautiful foliage, free blooming and easy growing qualities.

Alsaise—A vigorous grower, 4 feet, with large panicles of bloom. Spikes full, dense, and produced early and continuously. Color lovely creamy white, the nearest to a pure white yet seen among Cannas.

Coronet—Semi-dwarf; bright green foliage and large trusses of pure sulphur-yellow flowers. Absolutely a pure yellow. Exceedingly fine.

Alphonse Bouvier—Rich, luxuriant foliage and enormous panicles of great wide-petaled flowers, which are of the darkest and richest blood vermillion color.

Paul Marquant—3½ feet high, fine healthy growers, flowers very large and borne in long panicles. Color very peculiar, being sort of a salmon shaded red.

Burbank—Magnificent yellow, spotted. Elegant foliage. Much the style of Austria. 4 feet.

Egandale—This is a dwarf, very compact, free-blooming dark-leaved variety. Foliage is dark maroon; flowers bright cherry. An exceedingly free bloomer.

F. F. Hunt—Fine large flower and beautiful compact truss Color, pure canary yellow freely striped with scarlet. A grand new variety. 3 to 4 feet.

Flamingo—Half dwarf; deep blood-crimson. Large fine flowers and truss; very showy.

Golden Star—Very dwarf, like Star of 1891, with large panicles of bright golden color. 2 feet.

Florence Vaughan—The queen of the fancy spotted varieties. Flowers of enormous size, petals exceedingly broad and of perfect shape. Color, bright canary yellow thickly spotted with vivid scarlet. 4 feet.

Italia—Flowers very large, each petal 4 to 5 inches, and most beautifully colored. Brightest scarlet, with a broad yellow border, irregularly blotched and spotted. 5 feet.

Austria—Enormous flowers, beautiful canary-yellow with a silvery hue, inside slightly dotted with red. Both in foliage and flower it is grand. 5 feet.

Perfection—A grand yellow, freely spotted red. Finest spotted sort yet introduced. Very dwarf, wide petals, immense panicles. 3 to 4 feet.

Crozy Improved—Tall, fine spikes, finest and freest bloomer. Scarlet bordered yellow; like Mad. Crozy, but much better. 3 feet.

Sunray—Dwarf, yellow spotted. Best of its type, and the only first-class very dwarf spotted variety. Seldom grows over two feet in height and requires but little room. 2 feet.

Maiden's Blush—Very large, fine flower of a lovely blush white. 3 to 4 feet.

PRICE,—*15c. each; any 4 for 50c.; the 16 for $1.75. Any sort at $1.25 per dozen, postpaid.*

BY EXPRESS,—Any of the above at $1 per doz.; $6 per 100.

Improved Rainbow Canna.

This is the most magnificent novelty among foliage plants. Each leaf is beautifully variegated with pink, scarlet, orange, gray, green, etc. The foliage keeps its color all through the season; either for open ground or pots. In habit of growth it is superb. It hardly reaches the height of 3 feet, and is compact, with numerous leaves, which are wide, wavy and graceful. In this respect more charming than any other Canna. Aside from its beauty and usefulness as a garden ornament, it is still grander in pots for the window or porch, and makes a specimen plant which nothing, not even Fancy Caladiums, can surpass. Fine roots, 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Mixed Cannas.

For Large Show Beds.

A mixture of the finest dwarf large flowering kinds, which will go well together, and make a most magnificent bed or border of bright colors. We can thoroughly recommend this mixture, for we know that it will give the greatest results. Price, by express, strong roots, 60c. per dozen; $4.00 per 100.

Two Canna Novelties.

Musafolia—This splendid novelty we now offer for the first time it having originated with us several years ago. Knowing its value, and anticipating its popularity we have waited for a large stock before offering it. It is the finest foliage Canna yet seen with enormous Musa-like leaves, 3x5 feet, of a dark green, bronze tinged color, the edge of the leaves being beautifully banded with bronze-purple. In size and beauty of foliage it is a revelation, and makes a clump or single specimen plant for the lawn which no other foliage plant can approach. It is a seedling of the well known Robusta, but with foliage twice as large as well as more graceful and wavy. Attains a height of 8 feet, beautiful and symmetrical at every stage of growth. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Little Gem—This little beauty grows only one foot high and produces great flaming panicles of bright orange-scarlet blossoms. Compact, with neat, pretty foliage. Extra fine for pots. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

For Canna Seed, see page 15.

Superb New Dahlias.

These Dahlias, of recent introduction, are, in our estimation, the finest in cultivation.

Livonia—Flower stems long, and the color of the large perfect blossoms is a soft, sweet, sea-shell pink, as rare as it is beautiful. In our opinion the most beautiful Dahlia in cultivation. Flowers perfect and freely produced.

Clifford W. Bruton—The finest pure yellow decorative Dahlia. Of immense size, 5 to 6 inches in diameter; of full Chrysanthemum form, and full to the center. A strong vigorous grower, and an extremely profuse bloomer for so large a flower.

Zulu—The black Dahlia. A large double flower of fine form and jet black color. A great novelty.

Floral Park Jewel—Flowers of many colors, from deep maroon to blush white, including beautiful spotted and variegated forms, are borne in great profusion on the same plant at the same time. In fact a plant will hardly ever produce two flowers alike. Blush white, crimson-maroon, white suffused with maroon, maroon suffused with white, crimson-red, purple spotted, marked or marbled white, spotted, marbled and striped with maroon, pink or crimson, or several colors suffused in an odd and irregular way. The exceeding beauty of a plant loaded with flowers and each one of a different color can be better imagined than described. The blossoms are perfectly double, large and of perfect shape, and borne by the hundred.

Nymphœa—Like a lovely pink Water Lily. Extremely beautiful and novel. It is a great and persistent bloomer all through the season, and its charming Water Lily-like blossoms are grand.

Arabella—An early and profuse flowering variety of large size and perfect form. Pale primrose, tipped and shaded old rose and lavender.

Miss Florence Shearer—A fine flower of a clear, soft lilac color edged with gray. Extra fine.

Mrs. Dexter—Very large, rich salmon. Best of its color.

Psyche—Pale primrose, shaded pink. Dwarf branching plant and one of the most profuse bloomers.

Prince Bismarck—Very large; deep rich purple.

Miss May Lomas—Extra good; one of the grandest varieties in the entire list. Flowers very large, of perfect form, never showing center. Form is entirely distinct, having immense shell-like petals of the most exquisite finish. A lovely color,—flesh, faintly tinged violet.

Wm. Pierce—Richest golden yellow. Extra fine flower and color.

Price, 25c. each; any 3 for 60c.; the 12 for $2.20. Any variety at $2.00 per doz.

Mixed Dahlias.

We can supply large field-grown tubers of 25 finest Dahlias (mixed), at $1.00 per dozen, by mail or express. Larger tubers can be sent by express than by mail.

Dahlia Seed

For our superb Dahlia seed see page 18.

Double Large Flowering, Mixed—Will produce some magnificent varieties. 15c. per packet.

Double Pompon, Mixed—Extra choice strain. 10c. per packet.

New Singie, Mixed Colors—Flowers very large and of rainbow color. Exceedingly popular as cut flowers. 5c. per packet

Hyacinthus Candicans.

A species of Hyacinth which blooms during August and September, grows three to five feet high, with spikes of pure white flowers two feet in length. The bulbs are large, round and solid, and throw up large flower stems which are gigantic spikes of thimble-shaped white blossoms. Planted in the spring they bloom in August, September and October, strong bulbs producing two, three and even four flower stems. A bed of a dozen or more bulbs produces a grand effect. A few planted in the center of a bed of Verbenas, Petunias, or other flowers make a beautiful display. They contrast elegantly with Gladiolus. Planted anywhere, singly or in clumps, they are magnificent. For a cemetery nothing can be more beautiful or appropriate, and nothing thrives better in any situation. Strong bulbs sure to bloom. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

HYACINTHUS CANDICANS.

TIGRIDIAS.

Tigridias.

One of the most showy of all summer bulbs, and blooms from midsummer until frost, growing three feet high, with large wide-open triangular blooms, four to six inches across. The colors and markings are very brilliant and peculiarly odd and attractive, and clumps of them in the border have a most gorgeous effect. It is difficult to name a flower of such unique and exquisite beauty as a Tigridia, the superb spotting being so self-like and handsome. They are easily grown and always more than satisfactory. One cannot without seeing them realize how truly beautiful they are. The named sorts we offer are truly immense, some of them being quite new.

Mixed Sorts—All colors, 3 for 10c.; 12 for 40c.
Canariensis—Fine bright yellow.
Conchiflora—Yellow, spotted orange.
Crandiflora Alba—White, fine crimson spots.
Speciosa—Deep red, fine purple spots.
Lilacea—Brilliant violet-crimson; new and very fine.
Rosea—Magnificent rosy pink.
Immaculata—Pure white. New and magnificent.

Price 5c. each; the 7 for 30c.; 3 of each for 75c.

OXALIS.

Summer-Flowering Oxalis.

No bulb is so valuable for edging the borders of walks or flower beds as the beautiful flowering Oxalis. When planted three inches apart they produce an unbroken row of elegant foliage and pretty flowers; and as they bloom very quickly after planting they furnish a neat and attractive border the whole season. They are also splendid when planted in a mass, and make a very showy bed. The bulbs which are the size of peas, or larger, can be planted the first of May, or perhaps earlier, and will be in bloom by the first of June. No flower is easier grown than this, as they are sure to succeed in all soils and situations. They are also charming when grown in pots, and make a very attractive mass of fine foliage and gay flowers. They can be planted in this way at any time during the winter or spring, and will commence blooming at once. Every bulb will grow and flower beautifully. Price of fine bulbs, 10c. per dozen; 25 for 15c.; 100 for 40c.; 500 for $1.50; 1,000 for $2.50.

Dieppi—Pure white; very fine.
Lasandria—Fine rosy pink, beautiful cut foliage.
Shamrock—Lovely clover-like foliage and pink blossoms.
Mixed Colors—Several colors.
Mammoth Bulbs—We can supply mammoth-sized bulbs of the above Oxalis, nearly as large as Gladiolus, and which will produce a wonderful profusion of bloom at 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Phrynium Variegatum.

An elegant pot or bedding plant which is faithfully depicted in the accompanying cut, though it conveys no idea of the exquisite variegations of the leaves. Its manner of growth is much like that of a Canna, the leaves borne on erect foot-stalks with spreading blades of oblong-lanceolate form. They are bright pale-green, beautifully variegated with white and gold, the variegation being extremely diversified. In some leaves the whole area is white, in others only one-half, in others again it is confined to the interspaces between two or three of the ribs, while in others it is reduced to a few stripes. It is very free growing and one of the most ornamental plants imaginable. As a pot plant it surpasses the best Palms, and can be compared only to some of the rare Dracænas. As a bedding plant, planted out in full sun, it is simply elegant, making a specimen which for ornamental foliage, has no equal. It is a free, vigorous and easy grower, succeeding in all situations and under all conditions. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00; 15 for $2.00.

PHRYNIUM VARIEGATUM.

Zephyranthes, or Zephyr Flower.

The Zephyr flowers, or Fairy Lilies, are gems of rare beauty; and when planted either in pots or the open ground they produce very beautiful Lily-like flowers nearly all summer. Though some of the varieties are old, they are not generally known or seen in cultivation, owing to the fact that they have never been properly and thoroughly introduced. When once grown they are always grown, for they are one of the prettiest and easiest grown flowers it is possible to have. They are of a lovely section of the great and popular Amaryllis family. For pot culture plant three or four in a 5 or 6-inch pot and they will bloom beautifully. For the garden plant in spring and lift them in the fall, like Gladiolus. We offer here several new sorts of great beauty, which make a collection of five superb kinds. Those who plant them, either in pots or the open ground will be delighted with them.

Rosea—Beautiful clear rose; flowers large and very handsome. One of the oldest and best; blooms all summer. Very scarce and seldom seen. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

Sulphurea—(GIANT FLOWERED). This produces flowers as large as large Amaryllis, and on stems 15 to 24 inches in height. One of the clearest and finest shades of yellow we ever saw. The shape of the flower is perfection itself. It is one of the choicest gems in the bulb line. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 75c.

Floribunda—A new sort, and unlike all others. It bears its flowers usually in pairs, two on a stem. It is very beautiful, being of a rich golden yellow, and exceedingly sweet-scented, its perfume being unlike any other flower we ever saw. Flowers as large as a good Amaryllis and exceedingly handsome. It is one of the very finest bulb novelties. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 60c.

Andersoni—A little beauty, its flowers being smaller than the others; beautiful tulip-shaped, and orange-yellow in color. A free bloomer. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 35c.

Candida improved—Pure white and the freest bloomer of all, though not so large. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 25c.

SPECIAL OFFER—*One fine bulb each of these five lovely Zephyr flowers for only 25c.; 3 each for 60c.; 12 each for $2.*

Childs' Tuberoses

The one flower the rich man must have and the poor cannot do without. We all love its massive spikes, thick, waxen, blooms of rich, creamy whiteness, and its deep delicious fragrance. How often has this sweet flower, that might have bloomed in paradise, been placed upon the cold forms of those whose spirit has gone to fairer fields. We have made our prices very low, that every flower lover may enjoy their peerless beauty. For open-ground culture plant about the middle of May. Give them rich soil, in full sun, and keep free from weeds and they will bloom finely. Plant a good big lot of them for cutting, and if you will pot those which are in bed about the time frost is expected, they will bloom elegantly in pots for a long time; often till Christmas.

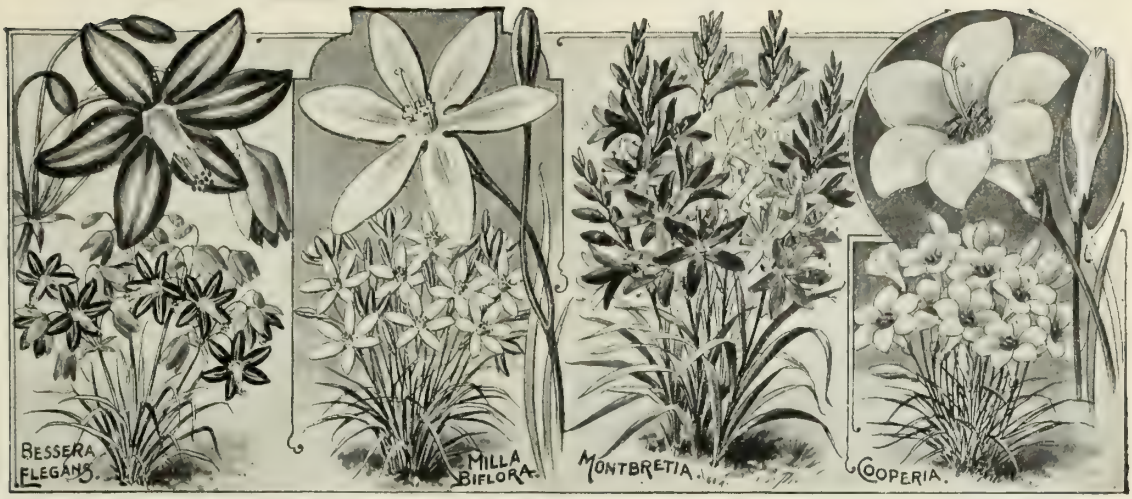
Excelsior Pearl—Introduced by us twelve years ago. It is the finest bloomer of all Tuberoses; habit dwarf, flower stalks short, spikes and blossoms enormous in size, and very double and fragrant. The finest for pots as well as for the garden. Large select bulbs, 6c. each; 3 for 15c.; 12 for 50c.; 100 for $3.00.

Tall Double—The old popular variety. Splendid for the open ground. 5c. each; 5 for 20c.; 12 for 40c.

New Variegated—The leaves of this variety are bordered with creamy white; flowers single but very large and of exquisite fragrance. Bulbs continue to grow and bloom year after year. It makes a most magnificent plant. It blooms several weeks earlier than the other sorts, which greatly adds to its value. 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 12 for 75c.

Single Orange-Scented—A fine sort bearing very early in the season, large spikes of beautiful single orange-like blossoms. Very fragrant. 10c. each; 3 for 20c. 12 for 75c.

One bulb each of above four sorts, 25c.; 3 of each for 60c.



Beautiful Flowering Bulbs at 5 cents Each.

The following 10 very fine bulbs will be supplied at 5c. each; any 3 for 10c.; or the 10 for 30c. Any one variety at 30c. per dozen.

AMORPHOPHALLUS SIMLENSE.

A rare and curious garden bulb, with odd flowers and luxuriant Palm-like foliage. The spathe of this Calla-shaped flower is two feet in length, with tapering point, and is of very large size. Color of bloom, greenish chocolate on outside, inside yellow spotted with purple. Foliage very large, luxuriant like a Palm. Extra large bulbs, 20c. each.

BESERA ELECANS.

Flower stems from one to two feet high, bearing loose umbels of beautiful, drooping scarlet and white flowers. A charming bouquet flower. Few flowers present such graceful beauty, while growing in a natural state or when cut.

CALADIUM ESCULENTUM.

A grand sub-tropical foliage plant, growing four feet high, and bearing immense, shield-shaped leaves of the smoothest, richest green. Extra large bulbs, 15c. each; $1.50 per dozen.

COOPERIA DRUMMONDI.

This bulb belongs to the Amaryliis family and can either be grown in pots or open ground. The beautiful Lily-like flowers are borne on stems 10 to 15 inches high, and are profusely borne. They have a saying in Texas that the Cooperia blooms after every rainstorm. Certainly its flowers spring up as if by magic repeatedly through the season. Color, pure white. Bulbs large and strong.

CINNAMON VINE.

A pretty, hardy vine, with edible roots and neat, glossy, cordate foliage. In midsummer it bears clusters of tiny but exceedingly fragrant flowers, with an odor like cinnamon. A very pretty vine to train over a small trellis, or around a window.

MILLA BIFLORA.

The flowers are pure waxy white, two inches in diameter, star-shaped, and usually in pairs on long slender stems. It is beautiful, especially for cutting. Too much praise cannot be bestowed upon this lovely flower. It pleases everyone and should be grown very largely. The blooms frequently last two weeks when cut, and placed in vases of water.

MADEIRA VINE.

A rapid growing vine, covering a large space in a short time. Fleshy, heart-shaped leaves of a light green, and in late summer numerous racemes of feathery flowers of powerful and delicious fragrance. A beautiful and popular vine.

MONTBRETIA, CROCOSMAEFLORA.

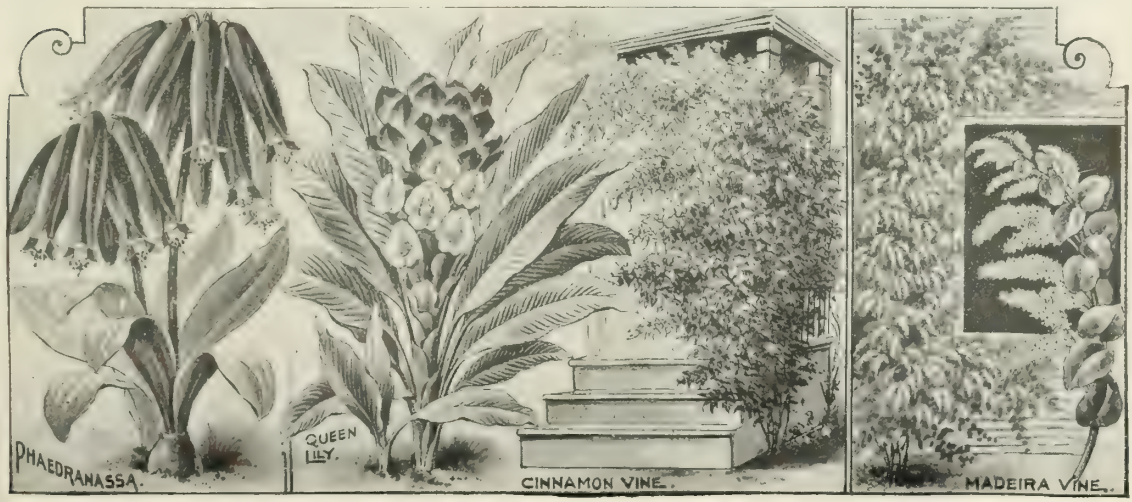
One of the brightest and most winsome flowers we know. Should always be grown in masses or groups and are then remarkably showy and brilliant. From July to October they are one mass of flowers, spike after spike of the flame-like beauties appearing. Extra fine for cutting, their dash of color lighting up a heavy mass of flowers with grace.

PHADRANASSA GLORIOSA.

The flowers are borne in pendulous clusters, and an odd mingling of colors, green, orange, scarlet, etc. Always admired, for it is a very odd and exceedingly interesting plant. The clusters of fine, drooping blossoms are entirely unlike any other species of Amaryllis.

QUEEN LILY.

A fine new plant with a bulb somewhat like a small Tuberose. The foliage is exceedingly beautiful and of tropical appearance, leaves being large and paddle-shaped. The flowers are borne on a strong scape which rises from the center of the plant and are in the form of a cockade. Colors exceedingly delicate, white and pink with orange center. A beautiful and novel plant which blooms in August and Sep. and makes a fine pot plant as well as a fine garden plant.



Fine Hardy Lilies.

The brush cannot paint or the pen portray the exquisite purity and delicacy, yet magnificent grandeur, of the stately Lily. It is the plus ultra of floral beauty, and we urge our friends to each year add a few Lilies to their collection. No other flower will so adorn our homes when in bloom, and they constantly improve after planting. As a rule, Lilies are of the easiest cultivation, especially the following, which have been carefully selected as the hardiest, handsomest and best. We grow about five acres of Lilies, and the bulbs we offer are large, healthy, vigorous and cheap.

Auratum—(The Golden Banded Lily of Japan)—We can say that this is the grandest of all Lilies, and certainly the most popular. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Batemanniæ—Pure apricot color, without spots. A much prized Japanese variety. 20c. each.

Elegans Midnight—Rich, velvety, crimson-black, a most superb color. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Elegans Bicolor—The blossoms are large and of exceeding bright and striking colors; robust, hardy and free bloomers. Exceedingly showy, being of a brilliant red color, flamed with yellow. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Elegans Leonard Joerg—Fine yellow spotted. Grand.

Elegans Aurora—Cup deep rich orange, suffused with crimson at tips. Lovely. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Elegans Robusta—Tall, robust and extra fine. Deep orange spotted. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Elegans—Fine mixed colors. 75c. per dozen.

Longiflorum—White, trumpet formed, very fragrant. A lovely Lily, being almost exactly like the Bermuda Easter Lily, but blooming a little later, and hardy. 15c.

Pardalinum—(Leopard Lily)—Rich scarlet and yellow flowers, spotted with rich brown. Robust and free flowering. A superb Lily, and one which will give the greatest possible satisfaction. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Superbum—Three to six feet high, flowers from five to forty, nodding; brilliant orange-red. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Tenuifolium—The lovely Coral Lily of Siberia. A great beauty. The brightest of all Lilies. Grows 20 inches high, with finely cut foliage, slender stems and beautiful shaped flowers of a brilliant coral-red. One ought to grow them by the dozen, they are so fine for cutting, and make such grand clumps for the lawn. Blooms very early. Having grown an enormous stock of this exquisite Lily we can offer it at the exceedingly low price of 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 6 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

Tigrinum fl. pl.—(Double Tiger)—This is a plant of stately habit, growing from 4 to 5 feet high; foliage is dark green and very long, bearing an immense number of double bright orange-red flowers, spotted with black. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Tigrinum, Splendens—Improved Tiger Lily. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.

Umbellatum—One of the very best, blooming in June or July, with very large perfect flower. Colors range from black-red, through all the shades of crimson, rose, yellow, buff, apricot, etc., many being finely spotted and variegated. 25 finest sorts mixed. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.

Wallacei—This Lily is very floriferous, each bulb throwing up from 4 to 6 flower stems, each one of which is crowned with 8 to 10 beautiful upright blossoms, of a delicate, bright apricot color. It is very perfect in form and a most desirable sort. 5c. each; 3 for 10c.; 12 for 30c.

Grand Speciosum Lilies.

These are the hardiest, most robust and free flowering of all Lilies, while in beauty they are second to none.

Rubrum—Deep rose, freely spotted crimson and mottled white; perfectly exquisite. 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 7 for 50c.

Melpomene—Words cannot describe the beauty of this variety. Frosted white, spotted, clouded and bearded with pinkish crimson. Petals deeply recurved and widely bordered. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Praecox—Large, perfect and beautiful. Frosted white, with a tinge of blush at the top of petals. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Monstrosum Album—Broad, flat stems and immense heads of flowers, often fifty in a cluster. Pure snow white. 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 7 for 75c.

Punctatum—White, pink tinge and rosy spots. 30c. each

Henry—New and exceedingly rare. Tall, strong grower producing flowers in great profusion of a fine apricot-yellow color. The yellow Speciosum. $1.00 each.

Opal—We had thought that no Speciosum could exceed Melpomene, but this new Lily is even larger, grander, and, if possible, more richly colored. It is frosted, glistening white, delicately clouded and suffused with rosy blush and spotted with rosy scarlet. The deeply recurved petals are snowy white at the tip, gradually deepening in color to the base of each petal. 60c. each.

One each of the above 7 sorts for $3.00.

FINE NEW PLANTS.

The plants offered on this Colored Plate are exceptionally fine Novelties, and we are glad to be able to offer them at rather low prices. The "Lily-of-the-Valley Plant" is one of the very finest basket or vase plants ever introduced, and the Golden Gleam Begonia a real gem in every way. The Lace Vine is also particularly unique and novel.

Canna, Little Gem.

This is the dwarfest Canna that has yet been introduced, evidently a seedling of Star of '91, as it is of the same color (bright orange-scarlet) with a slight gold band about some of the petals. The plant grows only about eight to twelve inches high, but the panicles of bloom are as large and fine as those found on varieties growing much larger. It is, therefore, a perfect beauty as a pot plant, and for edging beds of taller-growing Cannas it is indispensable. We consider it the most valuable of all new Cannas that have been introduced in the last three years. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Early-Flowering Anemones.

These are represented in three distinct colors: white, pink and crimson, and are hybrids of Anemone Japonica, having much the style and general appearance of Anemone Whirlwind, but the flowers are larger, and, as a rule, more double. They grow beautifully in the open ground and flower before severe autumn frosts injure them, which is certainly a great improvement over A. Japonica or any of its varieties. For Autumn display nothing can be finer, the gay blossoms being as fresh and brilliant as flowers of June. Thrive in any good garden soil and are not particular as to position, either full sun or partial shade. 20c. each; 3 for 60c.

Begonia, Golden Gleam.

This Begonia is a splendid Novelty of the Sempervirens type, of dwarf, compact habit with beautiful, clean, healthy, foliage which is of a golden-yellow color, making it a most odd, interesting and beautiful pot plant. It is a fine bedder and when planted out in full sun the foliage on many of the plants will color up into various shades of bronzy-crimson intermingled with the yellow ground color giving an appearance of most beautifully-colored autumn leaves. The flowers are produced very freely, and on some plants will be white, on others pink and on others quite a deep crimson. It is a plant that will bloom every day in the year, and either for the garden or as a window plant it will give immense satisfaction. It is hardy and robust and will grow in any situation where any sort of a plant will thrive. We can supply both seed and fine, healthy, well-rooted plants. Seed, 15c. per pkt. Plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Lace Vine.

(*Polygonum Baldschuanicum*).

This is a plant which has created quite a sensation in Europe, and for a hardy, outdoor climber it is one of the most desirable Novelties of the year. While the vines will make a growth from the root each year of ten to twenty feet it is slender and graceful, having a most neat and dainty appearance, clothed as it is all summer with luxuriant green foliage. In September, just when Clematis Paniculata is through blooming, all the terminal branches of this beautiful vine burst forth into hundreds of racemes of small, delicate, cream-colored blossoms. The whole plant is clothed in such a net-work of these lace-like flowers that the plant is most properly called Lace Vine. The roots are perennial, perfectly hardy in any situation, and send up new, vigorous growth each season. A great plant for fall blooming. 25c. each, 3 for 60c.

Lily-of-the-Valley Plant.

A beautiful new plant of a trailing or creeping habit, being best adapted for a hanging-pot or basket. It has beautiful heart-shaped leaves and branches freely, growing in most beautiful and symmetrical form. It is in bloom all the time, the pendulous blossoms appearing at the axils of the leaves and are bell-shaped, pure white, and about the size, form and color of Lily-of-the-Valley. As a specimen pot or basket flower to be suspended in the window it is the finest thing of the sort we have ever seen, and we are particularly desirous that our customers should have it, for which reason we have grown an enormous stock that we may be able to offer it at the very low price of 15c. each, or 5 for 50c.

One each of these 5 fine new plants for $1.00.

OUR NEW CENTURY SURPRISE COLLECTION.

It Will Be Unusually Fine This Year, and Our Customers Will Find it a Great Bargain.

MANY DOLLARS' WORTH OF FINE PLANTS, BULBS AND SEEDS FOR $1.00.

It is our custom each year, after the heavy spring business is about over, in May, to take the surplus stock of various good things, make it into "Surprise" Collections, and offer them to our customers, giving four or five times the value of their money. In fact, the "Surprise" is in the great amount of fine things one gets for the money paid. These collections cannot be sent until about the middle of May, and will be entirely of our own selection, from kinds of which we have a surplus. No collection will be made up for less than ONE DOLLAR, and from that up to any amount the purchaser may desire. They will be sent free, by mail, unless desired by express, and in that case we can send very much more for the money than by mail. All "Surprise" Collections ordered previous to May 15th will be booked and shipped then, but we can continue sending them up to the first of July. We advise our friends to invest a dollar or more in this collection, particularly this year, for we are going to see how good it can be made.

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Select New, or Recently Introduced

WINDOW OR GREENHOUSE PLANTS.

In Plants we offer comparatively few varieties, only such as are of unusual merit, new, or of recent introduction, and which will be sure to give an unusual degree of pleasure and satisfaction. We have acres of greenhouses and annually produce and send out over two million plants. Our system of packing is such that our plants carry successfully through the mails to nearly all parts of the world. We are careful to send out only well-rooted, healthy stock, and to offer only such varieties as are sure to give satisfaction—the very best of their kinds. The enormous quantities which we grow enable us to offer the finest plants of the choicest varieties at a price so low that they are within the reach of all.

Plants are man's natural home companions; they are bright, refreshing, cheery; winter may rage without, but inside they make spring perpetual. A refined and generous nature craves plants and flowers. Nothing else can take their place; especially to the care-worn woman, whose elevated taste and love for refinement goes largely unsatisfied, plants and flowers are one of God's richest blessings.

Tuberous-Rooted Rex.

A decided Novelty, which originated on our place. In foliage and growth it in no respect differs materially from the common B. Rex, but the crown or base forms a tuber after the style of B. Weltoniensis, which may be dried off and kept in that state like common Tuberous-Rooted Begonias, and when replanted will start at once a strong growth of beautiful foliage. It is a Novelty which will be welcomed, and has already created a great amount of comment.

Fine Mixed Varieties 10 sorts, all different, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.; 7 for $1.00.

Helen Gould—The finest type of our new Tuberous-Rooted Rex class. Habit dwarf and bushy, leaves numerous and of great beauty in shape and design. Center brown-red with large silvery zone. The dentated border is dark purple. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Begonia, Rex.

Enormous triangular leaves of satin-like texture, and metallic lustre, thickly belted and zoned with the most striking colors. No finer decorative plant anywhere.

Peralpa—Leaf finely variegated silvery-gray and deep emerald-green. Leaves small, but form abundantly.

Pearl—A great leaf of a solid silver color. Very handsome. Underneath ribbed red.

Louise Classon—Leaf dull red underneath, almost black outside, variegated with large pink blotches, having a peculiar metallic lustre. Very odd and beautiful.

Enfant de Nancy—Large, beautifully ribbed; deep green disk, thickly spotted. Large silvery zone and spotted green edge. Very fine.

Robert George—A fine large leaf, long-pointed and beautifully toothed. Color, light silver-green, with a center and border of deep blackish green. Very handsome.

Roi Fred—A perfectly gigantic leaf of a clear, liquid silver color, with a dark center and an elegantly fringed and festooned border of green and silver. Finely ribbed underneath. Size of leaf, 15 to 30 inches.

Price 20c. each; the 6 for $1.00.

New Begonia Rex.

These are all seedlings of our own raising offered now for the first time.

Cigantea—Large leaf with bright green center surrounded by a broad silver zone shining silver. Border is of light green heavily dotted and splashed.

King Edward—Ground color purple, overlaid with silver. Center of leaf solid silver.

Monster—Leaf 2½ feet across. Color pure silver, veined with dark green.

Maple Leaved—Leaves serrated and cut like those of the Norway Maple. Center dark purple surrounded by a zone of silver, bordered brownish red.

Crested Gem—Leaves beautifully crested and crinkled, heart-shaped, purplish silver with dark green center and edges.

25c. each; the 5 for $1.00.

Mixed Begonia Rex.

Our collection of Rex Begonias is perfectly magnificent, including over 30 finest named sorts, which we can supply mixed at rate of 3 for 40c.; 6 for 75c.

SEED OF BEGONIA REX.

Mixed Sorts—All from finest named kinds. Pkt., 15c.

Tuberous-Rooted Mixed—Pkt., 20c.

New Double Begonia Vernon.

The well-known single form of B. Vernon has established itself in the affections of all plant lovers. Its cheerful aspect and perpetual-blooming qualities through thick and thin make it a most charming plant. These new Double Vernons from France are in no respect different from the single, except the flowers are large and double. Truly they are attractive flowers, borne in large clusters, and with a freedom that is surprising. Every day the year round shows them in their radiant beauty. There is certainly no other plant producing fine double flowers in such quantity the year round as does this. It is adapted to any window or porch, or it may be bedded out in summer. In any position it is always a prize bloomer, and beautiful in foliage.

Vernon Double Pink—Fine shade.

Vernon Double White—Pure.

Vernon Double Crimson—Deep and rich. Foliage rich bronze in open air, and very handsome.

Fine plants, 20c. each; the 3 for 50c. Seed, mixed, 20c. per pkt.

New Begonias.

These are extra fine flowering Begonias in every respect. More charming pot plants it is impossible to have.

Luxuriant—A great profusion of luxuriant foliage and magnificent flowers, and strong tuberous roots. Leaves the size of B. Rex, dark velvety green, tinged with black; underneath, brilliant cherry-red. Flowers are borne in magnificent, large, drooping clusters. White, slightly tinged pink. Perfectly magnificent.

Bismarck—Same style, habit and foliage as B. Rubra, but a more magnificent plant, growing often three to four feet high. Its flowers are large and borne in enormous pendulous panicles; deep coral red. One of the most magnificent flowering plants it is possible to have.

Mastodon—Luxuriant-growing plant with large, handsome leaves and clusters of pink blossoms the size and shape of good Tuberous-Rooted varieties. By far the largest and most magnificent flowers of the fibrous-rooted or pot class. The shape of the blossoms is perfect, and the color soft and delicate.

Sweet-Scented White—These are brand new, and were shown on the Colored Covers of THE MAYFLOWER, June issue, 1899, and created a great sensation. Hundreds of people wrote asking where the plant might be purchased, so great was the interest aroused. Not only are the flowers deliciously scented, but they are borne in the most fascinatingly beautiful sprays, clusters a foot to eighteen inches wide, loose, graceful and charming. Plants fine, vigorous growers, with luxuriant and beautiful leaves, and the flowers are borne at all times of year, particularly in fall and winter. Extra fine for the holidays. The two colors harmonize, and produce a most lovely effect. These are Novelties of the highest order.

Sweet-Scented Pink—Charming sea-shell pink, in all other respects exactly like the above.

Golden Gleam—See Colored Plate. Most lovely sort with golden foliage and beautiful flowers.

Coensis—The most unique and beautiful foliage variety. Leaves large, heart-shaped and gracefully poised. Color dark, rich, velvety brown, nearly black with numerous green ribs, the whole leaf being crinkled in a beautiful manner. Reverse of leaf red.

20c. each; the 7 for $1.15.

TUBEROUS-ROOTED BEGONIAS.

The fashionable plant of the day, and richly does it deserve its honors, for in addition to very handsome foliage it bears a never-ending profusion of the most ravishingly beautiful flowers the whole summer, and then, with the coming of cold weather, very obligingly takes a nap until spring, asking no further care through the winter than to be packed in soil away from frost. This trait will be appreciated by the many people who have no spare windows to carry over tender bedding plants, yet dislike to be at the expense of buying a new lot each spring. This grand plant is a rival to the Gloxinia as a summer window or conservatory plant, and as strong a rival to the Geranium and Verbena as an outdoor bedding plant. The enormous size and intense brilliancy of the flowers astonish those who have never seen any but the ordinary house Begonia. The bulbs can be started from March to June and will soon be in full bloom. Give partial shade out of doors and protect from servere winds if possible. Our strain of both double and single is a very superior one, many of the flowers measuring 4 to 5 inches across.

Single White—Fine pure color; large flower.
Single Yellow—Extra fine.
Single Scarlet—Fine bright shade.
Single Pink—Beautiful soft shade.
Single Dark Crimson—Deep and rich color.

10c. each; the 5 for 40c.

Double White—Extra fine.
Double Scarlet—Large fine flower.
Double Yellow—Very beautiful.
Double Rose—Fine rose-pink.

20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

Single Mixed—Extra fine. 3 for 15c.; 6 for 25c.; 12 for 40c.
Double Mixed—All colors. A glorious strain of finest large flowered double sorts. 15c. each; 6 for 60c.

Choicest Begonia Seed.

With good care seedlings bloom in from five to eight month's time.

	Per pkt.
Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Single—Flowering sorts, mixed	15
Tuberous-Rooted Hybrids, Double—Mixed	20

Begonia Novelties.

The following extra fine new Tuberous-Rooted Begonias were offered for the first time last year. Both Seed and Bulbs are of our own growing.

Giant Crimson-Black—Magnificent large blossoms, of perfect shape; deep, rich, crimson-black—the darkest and richest color yet produced in Begonias.

Giant Crispa—Enormous blossoms with elegant fringed edges. Color, bright orange-scarlet. One of the grandest yet seen, and an entirely new departure.

Childs' Giant, Mixed—Our own new strain of giant-flowering varieties. Greatly improved in size, shape and color. The most magnificent strain of Tuberous-Rooted Begonias ever offered. Every bulb a select one, and seed comes true to this magnificent type.

Baumanni Hybrids, Mixed—A new class of Begonias, produces blossoms of various shades of light and deep pink. Grows readily from seed, and flowers freely for a long period, more like plants of ordinary flowering varieties, but the flowers are large and delightfully scented.

Price, 30c. each; the 4 for $1.00.

Asparagus.

Sprengeri—A new variety of the finest ornamental qualities. For hanging pots, or bracket pots where the mass of rich foliage can droop in its natural grace, it is one of the loveliest objects it is possible to find for window decoration. For cutting it lasts weeks in water. Plants also blossom freely and bear large red berries which add greatly to the beauty of the wavy foliage. Nothing finer for decorating, or for bouquet making. Fine plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed 10c. pkt.

Plumosus Nanus—A grand plant with wide spreading foliage which is very fine, soft and feathery. Nothing else so good as this to make up with cut flowers. Grows rapidly and foliage may be freely cut. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

New Abutilons.

These are of the beautiful Infanta Eulalia type introduced by us a few years ago. Unlike the ordinary Abutilons of scraggy growth, they are very compact and short jointed, making a neat pot plant. The flowers are the most beautiful we have seen among Abutilons, being very large, yet short and beautifully cupped and of the most lovely colors. They produce flowers by the score both summer and winter. It is safe to say that these varieties will produce five times as many flowers as any other under the same conditions.

Infanta Eulalia—This is perfection itself. Plants dwarf and short jointed, producing exquisite large cupped blossoms by the score from the time the plant is four inches high. Blooms all the time summer and winter. Color, a most beautiful soft satin-pink. No finer pot plant for windows than this.

Wm. McKinley—Exactly like the above, except in color, which is a beautiful clear lemon yellow; exquisite.

Africain—A perfectly grand sort with magnificent large blossoms, of a dark crimson-black color.

Snowstorm—Large, pure white; finest of its color.

Grandiflora—Rich golden yellow. An extra fine grower.

Savitzi—The most beautiful in foliage of all Abutilons. Each leaf has a broad, distinct margin of pure white, making a most conspicuous plant. The long stemmed flowers are golden yellow color, veined with scarlet. It is a remarkably free bloomer either in pots or bedded out during the summer, and is always a most attractive specimen plant, especially for exhibiting. The leaves are so very large, and so distinctly marked with white, and the flowers so showy, that all admire it.

Leopard Eclipse—Trailing or weeping habit. With fine green leaves beautifully spotted with yellow. Blooms profusely all the year, and most highly ornamental.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

ABUTILON SEED.

Choice hybrid seed of the grand large flowering Infanta Eulalia type. Will give a grand variety of colors, and blooms in bout three months from time of sowing. Pkt. 20c.

Shining Alocasia.

A grand plant for ornamental foliage effect in the garden. Leaf stems rise to the height of 4 to 5 feet having immense Caladium-like leaves which are of a very dark green with a handsome metallic luster which gives them a still darker appearance. Grows freely in any position, and makes a truly tropical appearance. Plants may be wintered in pots or in pits or cellars. Nothing finer for ornamental bedding, or for single specimens. As a tub plant it is also immense, its luxuriant growth and the fine appearance of the dark shining metallic leaves attracts attention when other plants are not noticed. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Azalea Indica

Elegant pot plants, much used for Easter decorations. Though attaining a good size, commence to bloom when very small. The flowers are large and very beautiful, always much admired, and range from white to deep crimson in color, with all intermediate shades and markings. Easily grown in a window. Our plants are finest new varieties, imported last year, and are greatly superior to the older well-known sorts. Many of them are very double, and the colors of all are greatly improved, as well as the flowering qualities. We have such a large and fine stock of Azaleas that we can offer them at unprecedented low prices. All the plants we send out are of blooming size.

Mixed Azaleas.

A very fine collection of more than 25 of the finest sorts mixed, double and single. These will give great satisfaction. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Fine Named Azaleas.

Niobe—Fine double white, flower large, bush compact.
Bernard Andres—A good double flower of a rich rosy purplish color.
Simon Mardeur—Large double rose or deep pink.
Dr. D. Moore—Lovely rose, with white and violet reflex. Perfectly exquisite.
Mad. Paul de Schreyver—Elegant, large, double red.
Raphael—Immense double white.
Deutche Perle—Large double white. Very early.
Ceres—Fine double white, striped crimson. Great bloomer.
Apollo—Deep brick red, semi-double and fine.
C. de W. Anne—Double, rosy pink, flaked white.
Chicago—Very large, double and perfect. Deep carmine clearly bordered white.
Grand Rouge—Extra fine deep rich crimson-red.
Alice—Elegant light rose. Extra fine.
Louise—Beautiful pale pink.

Price, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for $1.50 or the 14 for $2.75.

New Early Chrysanthemums

We take much pleasure in introducing a set of grand early flowering Chrysanthemums of our own raising. They will all be in full bloom early in October, yet they are as large in size, beautiful and double in shape as the finest of the late varieties. They are, indeed, an acquisition. Except the last two these are the earliest sorts in cultivation.

Lilac Queen—Light lilac, very large, double and full. Quite a new color and a truly glorious flower.
Giant Pink—Enormous size, very double, finely incurved and of the loveliest pink color; greatest and best pink.
Golden Harvest—Large Japanese, richest golden yellow.
Blanche—Largest and finest pure white. Massive incurved flowers with very broad petals. Unlike any other.
Tinted Gold—Yellow, tinted red; very large, very early.
Rose Perfection—Large, rosy pink; exquisite color.
Gov. Roosevelt—Finest incurved Japanese golden yellow; by far the earliest and best of all early yellow sorts.

These 7 extra early sorts, 20c. each; the 7 for $1.00.

Medium Early Sorts.

These are new medium early flowering Chrysanthemums of great beauty and merit.

Pink Globe—Large incurved, solid globe-like flowers of the finest pink color; best late pink by all odds.
Bronze Beauty—Large double incurved; bronzy yellow.
Mrs. W. B. Chamberlain—Magnificent large pink.
Timothy Eaton—Enormous globe Japanese incurved. Pure snow white.
White Bonnaffon—Splendid large white.
Walter Molatsch—Golden-yellow; Japanese incurved.
Mr. Ebner Smith—Extra large and fine, deep golden-yellow.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 7 for $1.00.

Rare Chrysanthemums.

From the large list of new 'Mums, we select the following recently introduced as being the most remarkable, distinct and beautiful. They are really marvels in their way.

Black Douglas—(Pompon)—Color so deep as to be almost black, while the tip of each petal shows a glint of gold, making the whole blossom appear as if sprinkled with gold dust.
Philadelphia—Flowers of enormous size, as round as a ball, pure white with a delicate shadowy tinge of lemon, giving the flower a peculiar translucent effect.
Wm. Simpson—The best pink and largest flower of its color. Flowers have been grown that measure 11 inches across. Early and a fine robust grower. Color, a most exquisite shade of pink, of indescribable loveliness.
Norma Dee Childs—A beautiful Chinese; enormous flower, seven inches across, perfectly double to the center; petals wide, and color snow-white. Best pure white.
P. Manda—A superb large flower opening flat. The center petals are fine canary yellow, while those outside are pure white, combining these two delicate and exquisite colors in one flower. A gem of the first water.
Uncle Sam—A fine large flower with long wavy petals of a rosy lilac color, striped and bordered with white. It is the finest and most distinctly striped variety in cultivation, and a decided acquisition.
Good Gracious—Probably the very largest flower of any Chrysanthemum. As large as a man's hat and double to the very center. Petals quilled and irregular. Three different colors, pink, white and yellow.
Maudie Klein, or White Maud Dean—Is pure white, large, beautifully shaped, double blossoms; truly exquisite.
Gold Standard—With us it produces flowers 10 to 12 inches across on stems 6 feet long. The flowers are double to the very center, flat with incurving petals, the outer petals being long, grading down shorter and shorter towards the center. Color, finest golden yellow.
Tasmania—A new sort, producing a great big double flower, which is a maroon-purple freely variegated with white. Sometimes just one-half of the blossoms will be white and the rest maroon, or nearly all white or maroon.
C. B. Freeman—(Ostrich Plume)—Soft plumy flower of rich golden color. Best hairy yellow.
Mrs. Higginbotham—Elegant large ostrich plume of a soft downy pink. Petals broad and plush-like.
Mrs. W. J. Godfrey—(Ostrich Plume)—Pure snow-white, large and double, and very hairy; best white sort.
Princess—One of the *very finest* sorts for amateurs. Very double, beautiful round shape, and of the most delicate and exquisite tinted white and pink ever seen. Always does well in the window or garden, and is an early bloomer.

15c. each; 5 for for 50c. or more at 10c. each.

CHOICE CHRYSANTHEMUM SEED.

Chrysanthemums are very easily grown from seed, and flower abundantly the first season. It is no trouble at all to grow them and they are sure to flower beautifully in October and November from spring sown seed. Every plant raised will produce a flower of a different color and character, no two will ever be alike, and among them there will be many exceptionally beautiful and valuable varieties.

Extra Choice, Mixed—Saved only from the finest named sorts, carefully hand fertilized. Pkt., 20c.

Early Flowering Hardy Chrysanthemum

These are exceedingly fine, and are perfectly hardy planted in the open ground and flower magnificently in October and late into November. They should be planted on the south side of a building or wall, or in some spot where they will be shelted as much as possible. In such a situation they are sure to bloom magnificently despite early fall frost. They make a border which is as brilliant and beautiful as the gayest flowers of summer. They are mostly of the Pompon type, very double and perfect and flowers in great clusters. All colors mixed. 5 plants for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.

Hardy Everblooming Chrysanthemum.

Plants lifted from the open ground and sent to us in May began budding and blooming in our grounds in July and on Nov. 1st were still full of flowers and buds, while those in pots continued blooming far into the winter. It may be used either as a garden or pot plant, and is perfectly hardy in the open ground. The flowers are of the Chinese type, perfectly double and produced by the hundreds. No other sort can equal it in profusion. Plants of a dwarf habit, 18 to 24 inches high with perfectly healthy foliage and enormous branches, all of which produce bloom. A new Chrysanthemum which may be grown either in the garden or in pots, and which will produce such a crop of fine double flowers for so great a part of the year must certainly be regarded as the greatest modern Novelty.

Everblooming, White—Pure white, full double.
Everblooming, Yellow—A sport from the above which originated with us. Bright golden-yellow, in all other respects just-like the white variety.

15c. each; the 2 for 25c. or more at 10c. each.

NEW EARLY CHRYSANTHEMUM.

New Carnations.

During the past few years great strides have been made toward improving the Carnation, the florist's skill in this direction being well shown in the following varieties of recent introduction. Their superiority appears in many points, but more especially in large size of flowers, vigor of growth, freedom of bloom, exquisite color and fragrance. For pot culture none are so good as the following. In Blue Bedder and Lawson we have two very distinct new sorts of great value.

Big Pink—Enormous size and the finest shade of pink yet produced. Superb large petals and a large, round bloom of the most perfect points and greatest beauty. Long stems, solid calyx, bright, lively pink color.

White Cloud—Fine, pure snow-white, on long stems. Flowers of gigantic size, very double and beautifully formed. Its fragrance is rich and it is a persistent bloomer. All in all probably the best pure white variety.

Eldorado—Finest canary-yellow, slightly tipped rose. Best yellow variety.

Gen'l Maceo—Very full, deeply fringed flower 2½ in. to 2¾ in. in diameter, on stiff, wiry stems, 12 in. to 18 in. long under ordinary culture. Under extra culture bloom 3 in. in diameter, on 18-in. stems, may be grown. Ground color, deep, brilliant scarlet, heavily overlaid with maroon-black, making one of the darkest and richest shades yet seen in Carnations, fully as rich and striking as the Meteor Rose. Habit erect, stiff, wiry. Foliage covered with rich, glaucous bloom. The most profuse and abundant bloomer we have ever grown, outblooming every other variety. Flower an excellent keeper, and can remain on the plant six or eight days, and we have kept it three and a-half weeks in a cool room. The best dark Carnation grown.

Price 15c. each; the 4 for 50c.; $1.00. per dozen.

Carnation, Mrs. Lawson.

This is one of the sensational novelties of the times, and it is said that thirty thousand dollars was paid for the original stock plants by the introducer. It is probably the largest Carnation grown, its flowers borne on magnificent long stems, and are of a most lovely pink shade, quite unlike any other. As a cut flower it is by far the best Carnation known. Strong plants, 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

4 Carnation Novelties.

The following 4 superb sorts are of our own production and are offered now for the first time.

Pure Gold—Beautiful large flower borne on long stiff stems. Exquisite fragrant petals deeply serrated, and color dark yellow with a few faint marks of pink.

Fred Douglas—A grand flower, almost black in color being such a deep dark crimson, large size, rich fragrance, and beautiful round petals, in this respect quite distintct.

Torch—Extra large flower, brilliant scarlet in color, and borne on stems 4 feet long. Petals beautifully fringed. Best scarlet.

Goliath—Probably the largest flower except Lawson. Color orange-scarlet, quite a new and distinct shade. Its monstrous flowers are borne on stems 3 feet long.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 75c.

Superb New Carnation, Blue Bedder.

This new Carnation is as important and valuable as a bedder as Lawson is for cut flower purposes. While the flowers are not actually blue, they are of a bluish-violet color the blue shade being at times very pronounced. The plant is of a stout, compact habit and will bloom in the garden profusely all summer long. A great many flower stems are sent up, each bearing an average of 12 flowers, and on the original plants we have seen as many as 50 to 60 flowers on each plant at one time. It is good as a winter bloomer but is particularly fine for summer bedding, owing to the fact that it at all times shows a great many flowers which are very double and perfect in form, odd and unique in color. There is not another color among Carnations like it, or, to our mind, one so exquisitely beautiful. Added to this it has the strongest and finest clove fragrance of any Carnation we have ever grown, surpassing by a long way the choicest hot-house varieties. We claim for it superiority to any other Carnation in three particulars, namely: color, fragrance and profusion of bloom. From a few plants one may cut flowers every day during the summer and fall, and when brought inside it still continues blooming during the winter. It is certainly one of our greatest and most important novelties for this year. Fine plants 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

For $1.50 we will send the 10 sorts here offered.

New Sweet-Scented Calla, Fragrans.

Probably the greatest novelties of recent years. It seems to be identical with Childs' Dwarf Everblooming, possessing the additional charm of delicious fragrance. This new Calla was originated by Luther Burbank, of California, who speaks of it thus: "The plants are of medium size, compact in growth and bloom profusely. It has not only a most charming flower produced in a profusion never before surpassed, but also with a genuine, sweet, lasting fragrance all its own, but similar to the fragrance of violets or Lilies." With us it has proved a great success. The description of our Dwarf Everblooming is a correct description of ***Fragrans*** also, adding only its additional merit of sweet scent. Fine plants, 25c. each.

SPECIAL OFFER—*One each of Fragrans, Everblooming and Little Gem Callas for only 40c.*

Childs' Dwarf Everblooming Calla.

This is of a dwarf habit and does not grow tall and scraggly like the old variety but is strong and compact, with a great abundance of lustrous dark green foliage. It is a true everbloomer, its flowers appearing in great abundance both summer and winter when grown in pots, or it will bloom profusely all summer long in open ground, and being potted in September will continue blooming without intermission all winter. The same plant will grow and bloom for years without once ceasing, and the quantity of bloom which a good plant will produce is astonishing. It is estimated that six plants of the old sorts will not produce so many flowers in the couse of a year as will one plant of this new dwarf variety. A large plant is hardly ever without one or more flowers, and its dwarf compact habit makes it a much more desirable pot plant than the old variety. Its flowers are of large size and snowy white in color. Price—20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Three Great New Callas.

Yellow Calla--(*Calla Hastata*)—Is one of the rarest and most eagerly sought of all bulbs. They should be potted in the spring and they will start growth at once and commence blooming in a short time. The bulbs are strong and send up numerous flowers, which are a bright golden yellow with a black center. The color is one of the most beautiful shades of yellow seen among flowers, and the jet black center lends to the blossom a peculiar charm. Bulbs are very scarce, and a year or two ago sold at $1.50 each. We now have a large stock of strong flowing bulbs which we offer at 30c. each; 2 for 50c.

Elliottiana—This is the great new Yellow Calla of marvelous beauty. Flowers very large and of the brightest golden yellow. Leaves beautifully spotted with white. Sold last year at $5.00 each. We have a large stock and can offer it at the very low price of 80c. each.

Rhinehardti——Another new Calla which has created a sensation in Europe and sold as high at ten dollars each. It is a strong, free grower with large blossoms which are of a fine pink color. $1.25 each.

One each of the 3 for $2.00.

LITTLE GEM CALLA.

SPOTTED CALLA.

Spotted Calla

The leaves of this beautiful Calla are deep green with numerous white spots, which give the plants a magnificent appearance. The flowers are pure white, with a black center and very beautiful 15c. each; 3 for 35c.

Calla, Little Gem.

A perfect miniature Calla, growing 8 or 12 inches high, and producing very large snow-white blossoms. It is in truth a perfect little gem. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Three Grand New Coleus.

Velvet-like leaves of wonderful richness and beauty.

Dr. Ross—Enormous leaves like a Rex Begonia, but more exquisitely colored, being a blending of yellow, crimson, pink, green, chocolate, etc. A grand specimen plant.

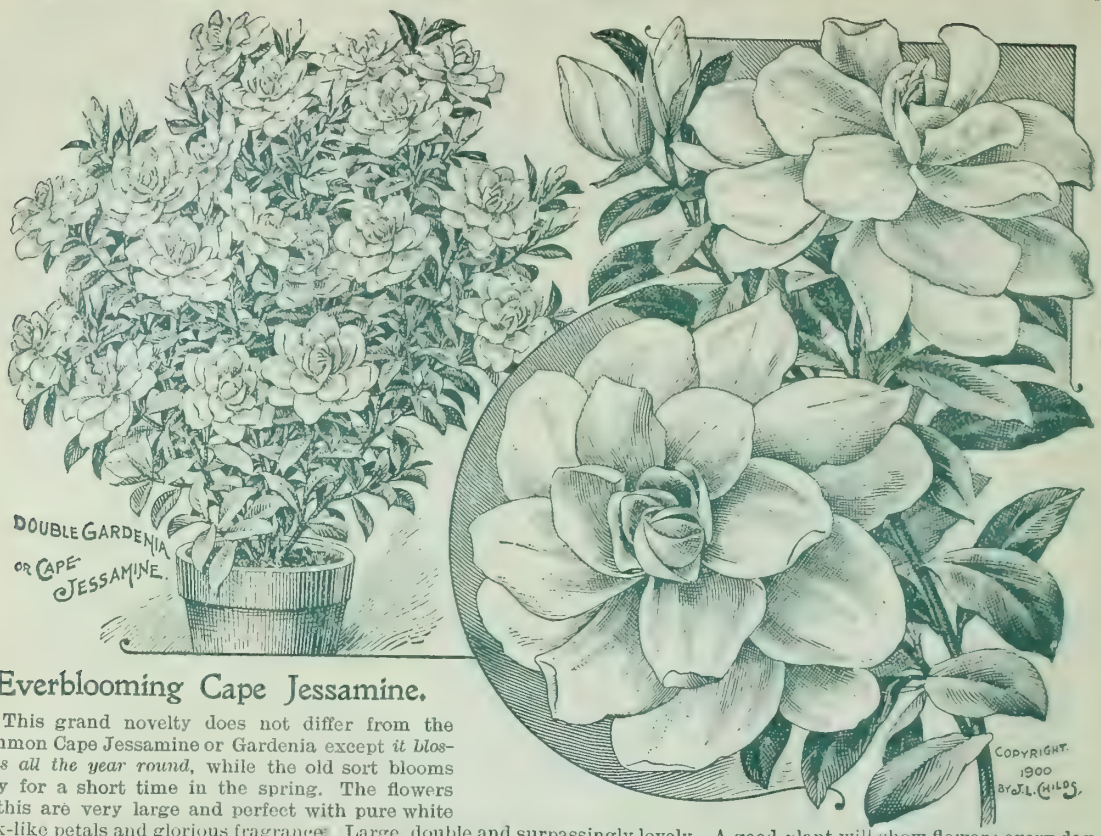
Mrs. Saunders—A wedge of creamy white in the center of the leaf, with a clearly defined margin of oxide green, bronze, crimson and purple. Perfectly fascinating.

Admiral Dewey—One of our new Giant-Leaved, and the finest Coleus yet known for bedding or for a fine specimen pot plant. Leaves large, finely toothed, dark maroon, flamed and variegated crimson-pink, blotched yellow and bordered green. Underside, green and yellow, finely variegated.

15c. each; the 3 for 30c.

Giant Rainbow-Leaved Coleus.

Leaves are large (often a foot long) and wavy, spotted, mottled, striped, splashed, marbled, etc. with the most rich and charming colors—white, purple, pink, crimson, green yellow, velvety red and black in endless variety. Such colors; such combinations and contrasts! They equal Fancy-Leaved Caladiums. Mixed Sorts, 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.



Everblooming Cape Jessamine.

This grand novelty does not differ from the common Cape Jessamine or Gardenia except *it blossoms all the year round*, while the old sort blooms only for a short time in the spring. The flowers of this are very large and perfect with pure white wax-like petals and glorious fragrance. Large, double and surpassingly lovely. A good plant will show flowers every day in the year, and it is an easy thing to manage, growing well as a window plant. A grand Novelty. 50c. each.

Acalypha Sanderi.

(Chenille Plant.)

This is one of the most gorgeous and peculiar flowering plants thus far discovered. It grows up a straight, stout branching plant, clothed with large green leaves of good substance, and out of the axil of *every* leaf grows a spike of blossom, glowing crimson-scarlet in color, *20 to 30 inches long*, as large around as one's finger and looks like a long piece of crimson-scarlet chenille cord. They grow on the plant exactly as our cut shows, and on plants a foot high the lower flower spikes will hang below the bottom of the pot, and they continue to lengthen as the plant grows larger. They last for *months* before fading and before they fall off several other spikes have started out in the *same leaf axil*, and it is thus always in bloom—January to December. *Even tiny plants in thumb-pots bloom*, though of course the spikes are proportionately smaller. This plant was discovered in New Guinea and it did not come from the Philippines as Dewey's favorite flower, as has been sensationally advertised. A magnificent novelty. Strong, healthy plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Brugmansia.

Stately plants blooming at all times of the year. Flowers enormous in size and highly fragrant.

Arborea—Called also Angels' Trumpets and Wedding Bells. One of the grandest hard wooded plants we know of, and easy to grow. It grows several feet high, and is quite bushy. The foliage is large and tropical, and its blooms—how shall we describe what words cannot picture? Imagine a little bush three feet high with twenty or thirty pendulous blooms open at once; great creamy white blooms, eleven, twelve, or thirteen inches long and eight inches wide, of a texture resembling thick, fluted satin. Imagine these creamy trumpets pouring fragrance forth till the air is heavy with sweetness. Imagine all this, then remember the blosssoms last for days in perfection, and that new buds are constantly coming on, and you will see why we value it so highly. It can be wintered unwatered in a cell or pit. Grand for Easter or Christmas decorations or for yards. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Doubled Flowered—Very beautiful and fragrant. The great double trumpet-shaped flowers are indeed handsome. Flowers freely at Thanksgiving and Christmas. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

The two for 40c.

Chinese Hibiscus.

Where can we find a more striking plant than this, with its glossy leaves and huge flaming flowers of satin-like texture? Summer or winter, it is always budding and blooming, and, if it becomes too large for the window, can be wintered in the cellar. Pots of Hibiscus are extra fine for piazza or balcony, and for bedding out in summer.

Cigantea—A graceful single-flowered variety, with wide-opened flowers eight and ten inches across, and of the most vivid crimson-scarlet. Indescribably rich and striking as a flaming torch; sure to please those who like a bright flower and plenty of it.

Cooperia—Crimson flowers, and superb foliage marbled in three colors, white, rose and green. One of the best of all and a very ornamental foliage plant.

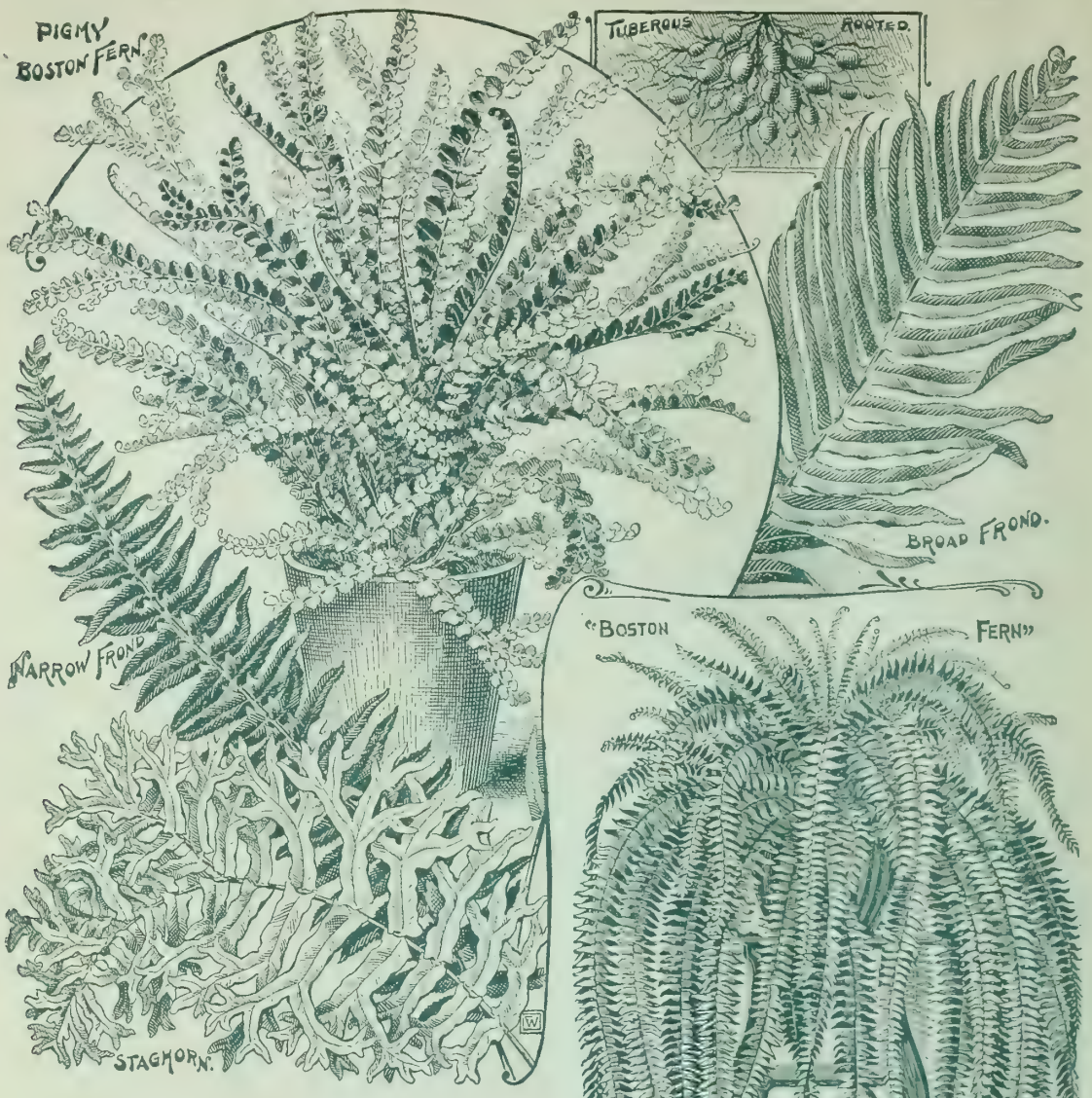
Minneatus—As gorgeous and fine as the best Pæony, and fully as large. Bush blooms when but a foot high. Blossoms a burning crimson, very double.

Chrysantha—This is said to be a cross between an Abutilon and a Hibiscus; certainly it seems to show characteristics of both. It blooms as perpetually as the Abutilon, but with large flowers like the Hibiscus, five and six inches in diameter. Flowers flat and saucer-like, of a clear, bright canary yellow, with black eye or center.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

Bridal Rose.—(Rubus Floribunda).

A remarkable plant with leaves resembling a blackberry in shape; its flowers are produced during winter, and are as double as a Pæony, and almost as large. Color pure white, and when a plant one or two feet high shows a score or more of these enormous flowers, which they often do, the sight is a most novel and attractive one. New and little known. Will create a sensation anywhere. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Boston Ferns.

The finest decorative plants in cultivation, and in addition to the well known standard variety, we are able to offer several new and most unique varieties. All as robust, vigorous and as easily grown as the original Boston Fern.

Boston Fern (ORIGINAL)—Of all decorative plants for house culture this is perhaps the most imposing and satisfactory. It is so hardy that it will stand and thrive in most any situation in a room, even if out of the sun's rays. No Fern is so good in this respect. Plants form an immense number of graceful drooping fronds, varying in length from two to five feet, and always of a fresh, healthy, and beautiful green color. These fronds keep in perfect condition for years. We cannot too highly recommend it. Fine plants, 20c., each; 3 for 50c.

Narrow Frond Boston Fern—Fronds of this sort are much narrower than the above, longer and very graceful and handsome. 25c. each.

Broad Frond Boston Fern—Fronds twice the width of the ordinary Boston Fern, not quite so long, therefore presenting a very distinct appearance. Exceedingly handsome. 30c. each.

Tuberous-Rooted Boston Fern—In foliage this does not differ much from the original variety, but numerous bulbs, the shape of sparrow-eggs are formed on the roots which may be taken and kept dry for months without killing their vitality. When planted they sprout and grow like any other bulb. 30c. each.

Stag Horn Boston Fern—Elegant broad fronds, the edges being flattened and divided into many wide prongs resembling a stags horn. The most unique and beautiful of all Boston Ferns. 40c. each.

Pigmy Boston Fern—This is the real gem of the lot. A plant makes a dense mass of hundreds of beautiful fronds no wider than one's finger, which grow to a considerable length and curve most gracefully. For small pots and baskets it is the finest thing yet introduced. Grows readily in any window or on a veranda in the open air and is an object of exquisite beauty the whole year, summer and winter. By far the most valuable of all the Boston Ferns and will, when known, be the most popular. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

SPECIAL OFFER—*For $1.25 we will send one fine plant each of these 6 Boston Ferns.*

Rare Fuchsias.

These are very fine varieties of recent introduction.

Trailing Queen—Good plants for hanging pots are rare—as rare as they are beautiful. This new Fuchsia never grows erect, but always trails down over side of the pot, and is the most beautiful of all plants for suspension. Luxuriant without being weedy, procumbent without being sprawling, clothed with handsome foliage, and loaded with hundreds of gracefully drooping flowers, nothing more could be asked for as a basket plant. Very robust and easy to grow, the branches reaching a length of four and five feet, blooming and growing nearly the whole year. The leaves are dark green, ribbed and rayed with red or crimson, which makes them luminous and handsome. Flowers and buds long and graceful, borne in large clusters at the end of the vines. When expanded the flowers are very large in size, tube and sepals bright rosy scarlet, while the corolla at opening is a rich violet-purple, changing the second day to a fine shade of crimson, the two colors in the same cluster contrasting beautifully. A good specimen will show hundreds of flowers at once.

Storm King—The double White, Perpetual Blooming Weeping Fuchsia. Its graceful, weeping habit, and its superlatively beautiful flowers, more freely borne than those of any other sort, makes the most valuable of Fuchsias. It is always in bloom, often as many as 200 buds and blossoms on a plant at once. The branches droop most gracefully, and the blossoms are frequently as large as teacups. The buds, for two weeks before they expand, are balls of glowing scarlet-crimson. When expanded the enormous double flowers are almost pure white, capped by a calyx of glowing scarlet; and when a plant is loaded with buds and blossoms it presents a beautiful sight.

Autumn Leaves—Good sized leaves, about half of which (those nearest the ends of the branches) are of various bright colors like autumn leaves. Flowers crimson and blue.

Phenomenal—The largest of all Fuchsias, and also very distinct in its rich dark colorings. Enormous double flowers, sepals scarlet, corolla a bright violet-purple.

Little Beauty—A perfect little gem of a Fuchsia, growing but 6 inches high, and always full of bloom.

Mad. Bruant—Enormous size, very double, corolla fine heliotrope-blue, sepals deep coral-red. New and fine.

The above 6 Fuchsias 20c. each; the 6 for 85c.

Climbing Fern.

A highly beautiful and valuable Fern which produces a slender graceful vine that will grow up 4 or 5 feet in a window showing a mass of lovely foliage. As an ornamental foliage vine it is one of the best. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Japanese Fern Balls.

These are large, round, basket-like bunches of Fern roots interwoven with moss. When suspended in a window and watered, elegant green foliage starts out from every side, top and bottom, making a highly ornamental object. Can be sent only by express—too large to mail. 80c. each. Smaller by mail, 50c. each.

CHILDS' SUPERB GLOXINIAS

Gloxinia Bulbs.

The grandest of all summer-blooming bulbs for decoration of the window, veranda or conservatory in summer. Everyone is spellbound at their regal beauty. We have seen people pay $2.00 for a small plant with four of five blooms on it when they could have bought the bulb two months before for 25 cents, and potted it themselves. They are no trouble at all to grow, and bloom constantly until autumn, when they should be allowed to die down, and the pots kept dry in some warm place until next spring, when the bulbs can be started into growth again. Our new Gloxinias are great improvements over the older sorts, with large, luxuriant leaves that recurve in such a manner as to conceal the pot they grow in, and erect, large-throated wide-lobed flowers borne above the foliage like a floral crown. These flowers are very large and satin-like and of the most exquisite coloring, soft, clear or brilliant, sometimes self-colored but more often tinted, spotted or edged with contrasting colors, but always rich and beautiful.

Mixed, All Colors—Our strain of mixed Gloxinias includes the finest and most varied varieties from best European collections, including the beautifully spotted and tigered strains. Fine bulbs, 10c. each; 3 for 25c.; 12 for 80c.

Childs' Giant—Originated by us, and is a flower of most extraordinary size and widely open. Outside, pure white; inside throat, yellow, thickly spotted red. Ground of petal, deep, velvety crimson-pink, spotted darker, and with a wide margin of pure white around the entire flower. A regal giant, and perfectly exquisite. Bulbs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 12 for $1.50. Seed, 20c. per pkt.

CHOICEST GLOXINIA SEED.

The most beautiful of all pot bulbs. Seedlings grow well and, if given good care, will bloom in five months from the time of sowing seed, giving large and beautiful blossoms. There is no flower more charming.

French Hybrids — Splendid mixed; the finest varieties of various colors. Pkt., 15c.

Tigered and Spotted—Mixed colors; all beautifully spotted. Pkt., 15c.

Crassifolia Erecta — Mixed colors; all erect bloomers. Pkt., 15c.

Pure White-The most heavenly of all flowers for true loveliness and purity. Pkt., 15c.

Childs' Giant—Pkt., 20c.

Snow Queen—Pure white. Pkt., 20c.

Coquette—Pkt., 20c.

Scarlet Queen—Brightest scarlet. Pkt., 20c.

Gloxinia Novelties.

The following grand varieties were leading Gloxinia novelties last year. Seed and Bulbs we offer are of our own growing, and extra fine and true.

Coquette—Elegant large blossoms, the ground color of which is white, beautifully marbled and clouded with delicate pink or blue, but all with charming lemon-tinted throats. The beauty of these blossoms can be better imagined that described.

Leopard—Light delicate pink, thickly spotted scarlet.

Snow Queen—The largest and finest of all pure white sorts. A flower for the gods. Vigorous, and great bloomer.

Scarlet Queen—Large, wide-open flowers of a dark, deep, rich crimson-scarlet. The finest and brightest colored sort.

Othello — Deep rich purple-black. Magnificent, darkest color yet seen in Gloxinias.

Tricolor Spotted—Various colors, all beautifully tigered and spotted. Exceedingly handsome.

Venosa—Various colors all charmingly veined, and many also spotted. New this year.

Price, of above 7 Grand New Gloxinias 20c. each; 3 for 50c. or the 7 for $1.00. Any sort at $1.60 per dozen.

Double Ivy Geranium.

A very popular class of Geraniums, of robust, trailing habit, thickly clothed with dark green ivy-pointed leaves of smooth, glossy, wax-like texture, worth growing for the beauty of foliage alone. When in bloom they are doubly beautiful, with large trusses of beautiful flowers borne well above the foliage. These flowers are much larger than the ordinary Geraniums, and marked like superb Pelargoniums.

Jeanne d'Arc—Pure white; very double and fine.

La Rosaire—Fine rose. Delicate and charming.

Souv. Chas. Turner—Deep bright pink; feathered maroon.

Chas. Montselet—Bright scarlet; large and fine.

20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

Special Fine Geraniums.

John Lewis Childs—This new and unique Geranium is unlike any other variety in cultivation. Its color is a pale pearly pink, heavily mottled and spotted with crimson. The background is a good light color and the spots bright and brilliant. It is the only good spotted variety yet known in cultivation, except some of our novelties.

Wonder—The flowers are the most intense dazzling scarlet and are borne in trusses of enormous size; measuring from 10 to 20 inches in circumference, with single florets measuring 7 inches in circumference.

Mrs. Parker—While the foliage is deep green, with a broad border of pure white, the flower is perfectly double and of a clear bright pink, a combination novel and beautiful.

Flowering Rose—Strong fragrance, and large deep scarlet flowers. Combines free flowering qualities with fragrant foliage. Very useful for summer cut flowers, and as a pot plant for winter cannot be surpassed. A very fine plant, and either for pots or for bedding it will give great satisfaction. Its bloom is very fine, and the fragrant foliage makes it a truly novel plant.

Mrs. Langguth—Color of foliage deep green, heavily striped and splashed with silvery white; the zone of the leaf is pure white. Large blossoms of well formed florets which stand clear above the foliage. Color of florets is aniline scarlet. Habit of plant is compact; free grower, profuse bloomer. The best silver-leaved sort.

20c. each; the 5 for 80c.

Giant Pelargoniums.

These new giant-flowered Pelargoniums are among the very finest novelties ever produced at Floral Park. They were chosen from a great many carefully bred seedlings, and show great improvement in vigor, habit, size and color of bloom. They are really remarkable for size and coloring, the delicate shades and markings being indescribable. Plants bushy and spreading, and at the blooming season are covered completely with flowers, so great is the number.

Cuba—Flowers exquisite shape, round, crinkled and fluted. Milk white, with small rosy crimson stain in upper peals.

Hawaii—Same fine shades and size of above; color, a delicate tinted white, with large, rich velvety maroon and rose splash in upper petals.

Luzon—Enormous size, round, wide-open shape; pure white with violet-maroon blotches. Quite new as to shape.

Porto Rico—Lovely rosy pink, with a large, feathery blotch of maroon-crimson in two upper petals. A superb flower.

Marion—The same plant bears flowers of different colors. One cluster of bloom will be white marked with crimson, while another will be fine rose marked purple.

Guam—This is a distinct bushy, compact, dwarf-flowering variety which makes a dense plant, flowers large, round, widely open. Color a delicate suffusion of white and pink. No spots.

Price of above 6 sorts, 40c. each; the 6 for $2.00.

Dwarf Mixed—All the same dwarf, compact habit as Guam, but producing a variety of colors. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

NEW DWARF JUSTICIA.

The Dwarf Justicia.

Dwarf Pink—This new dwarf Justicia is really a much finer plant than our engraving suggests. Everyone knows the tall, lanky, straggling habit of the old Justicia Rosea. This new sort, which is now grown so extensively by Parisian florists, begins to bloom when the plant has only three or four leaves and is never out of flower afterward. If pinched back occasionally, it makes a very dwarf, stocky plant, frequently covered with 20 to 30 large pink flower heads, lasting a long time. The foliage is also more persistent and highly ornamental, being heavy in texture and very velvety. It is the plant for everybody to grow in quantity.

Dwarf Yellow—A taller grower than the above, but with equally handsome clusters of bloom which are of an orange-yellow color. In all respects a plant of merit, which is sure to become popular. There is no finer flowering plant for bedding than the Justicia, especially these two dwarf sorts.

20c. each; the 2 for 30c.

Great Goose Flower.

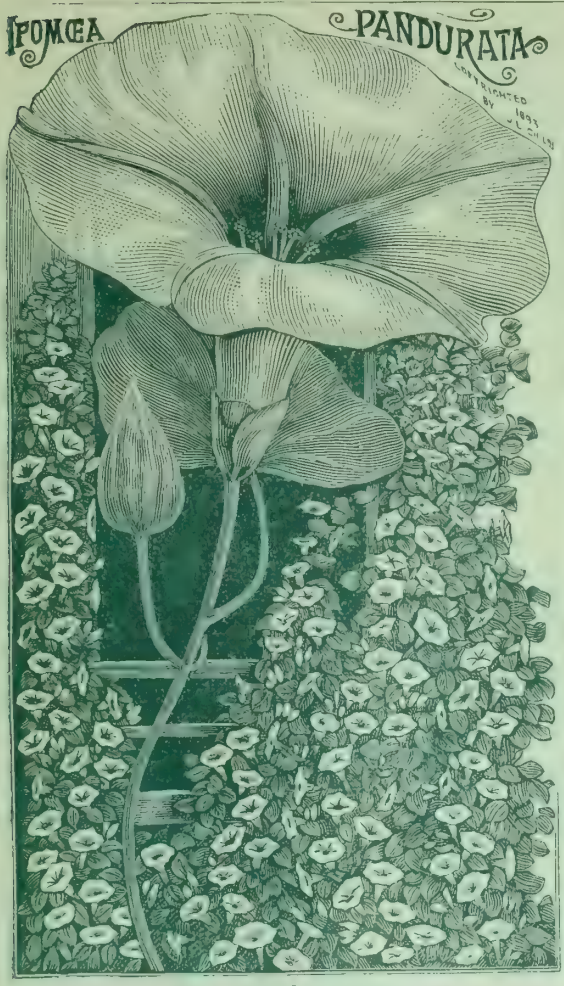
This remarkable flower was color plated and described in THE MAYFLOWER of November, 1898. It is a vine, bearing flowers which are the size and shape of a goose. In fact, the entire length of the blossoms, including the tail, is over four feet. The largest flower known, and the most curious and beautiful. The vine is a fine and rapid grower, best suited for greenhouses or windows, but will do well outside during summer, and is likely to get through blooming before frost. Price, 50c. each.

Gloxinia Tubiflora.

This is far different from ordinary Gloxinias, being a plant of erect branching habit, which is propagated by cuttings, but producing a strong bulb or tuber. Flowers stems rise to the height of 2 feet, each bearing several large pure white blossoms 4 inches in length, and of a peculiar and fascinating fragrance. It is a hardy and easily grown pot plant, good for any situation, blooming freely, and always attracting great attention by its oddity, novelty and remarkable beauty. Strong tubers, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Cyclamen Giganteum.

Few pot plants are so desirable as Cyclamen, especially for winter blooming. They are of easy culture, great beauty and long season of bloom. Bulbs commence blooming in the fall and continue in the greatest profusion till June, each flower keeping perfect a month before fading, and a good bulb will show at all times from 12 to 50 well developed blossoms. They are of the most delicately beautiful colors, ranging from dark red to white, delicate blush and pink shades. Often the flowers will be spotted and marked, showing two distinct colors. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.



Moonflower.

The most popular quick growing vine in cultivation. Its rapid, luxuriant growth, its thick, overlapping glossy foliage, and its nightly scores of immense silky blooms of rare fragrance, are merits that cannot be over estimated. By actual count a strong vine will bear one to three thousand of its superb blossoms in a season. Very fine for piazzas.

Ipomœa Noctiphiton — Grand foliage and magnificent snow-white blossoms, four or five inches across. Stands drouth like a Salamander. Give it rich soil if possible. Fine plants, 15c. each; 4 for 50c. Seed, 5c. per packet.

Ipomœa Learei—A large vine, but not quite so rank growing. Flowers of a lovely azure blue, with faint crimson bars. Texture almost as delicate as the spider's web. Lovely beyond description. 20c. each; 3 for 50c. Seed, 10c. per packet.

Pandurata, or Hardy Tuberous-Rooted Moonflower—This will stand a year's drought without a murmur. An immense subterranean root weighing sometimes a hundred pounds, sustains the vine through any vicissitude of weather, until frost kills the vine to the ground. Each year it springs up stronger than before, until it becomes a large, luxuriant vine, clothed with a luxuriant growth of pretty cordate leaves, and bearing great quantities, yes, thousands of large, thick-textured waxy flowers of a rich creamy-white, with a throat of violet-purple. It will grow in any soil, no matter how poor, and its blossoms remain open all day, unlike other Ipomœas. It is perfectly hardy in any climate, and a vine which will cover an enormous amount of space. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Ipomœa Mexicana—In a selected location the blossoms of this remain open all day. Almost as large as Ipomœa Noctiphiton. It has a large, tuberous root that can be preserved over winter like the Dahlia, and it gives the plant a strong and early start each spring. Very handsome, and graceful airy foliage, deep incised or palmated. The blossoms are of an indescribable rosy crimson with a shadow of violet or blue, and very beautiful, resembling rich satin. A grand vine for a conservatory in winter as well as for open ground in summer. 20c. each.

One plant each of the 4 for 60c.

Golden Leaved Salvia.

Habit, compact, short-jointed and branching, with an abundance of foliage, which is of a fine yellow shade, hardly a trace of green about it. The flowers are a light transparent scarlet of exceptional brilliancy. The color of the foliage is constant and does not change when bedded out in the hot sun. In fact, its color is perhaps intensified by heat. The brilliancy of the flowers against the yellow foliage produces the most striking effect we have ever observed in any plant. Not only is the plant a fine bedder but it is also a magnificent pot plant, blooming at any and all times of the year without intermission. For winter it is particularly fine, and the most brilliant plant that can be grown in one's window or conservatory. Strong plants, 15c. each; 5 for 50c. Seed, (will bloom in 3 months), 10c. per packet.

ALOE MACULATA.

Aloe Maculata.

One of the oddest and most attractive of the popular succulents. Keel-ridged leaves, thick, heavy and dark, beautifully marked with white. The bright scarlet flowers are in racemes a foot long, and are produced in winter. It makes a very pretty specimen. 40c. each.

MOONFLOWER SEED.

Grow readily and bloom freely the first summer.

Noctiphiton—Pure white. Pkt., 5c.

Learei—Lovely blue. Pkt., 10c.; 3 pkts., 20c.

Japanese Yellow—A new sort bearing large golden-yellow blossoms in abundance. A valuable novelty. Pkt., 15c.

Mixed—Fine mixed seed of all the Moonflowers. Pkt., 10c.

Oleander.

What home is complete without its tub of Oleander? A very tractable plant that can be grown in almost any soil or situation, kept growing all the year, or rested in the cellar. Its dark green willow-like foliage is in itself neat and pleasing; but when in bloom it is beautiful beyond expression, with its many large, delicate satin-like flowers.

Pink—Large blossoms of fine rosy pink. Very double.

White—Magnificent large snow-white double blossoms.

Crimson—Fine deep crimson-red. Extra.

Yellow—Large and very beautiful.

Variegata—Leaves bordered with creamy white; flowers pink, very double. A magnificent plant, the contrast of foliage and delicate color of blossoms being very striking.

Price, 35c. each; the 5 for $1.25.

New Dwarf Magnolia.

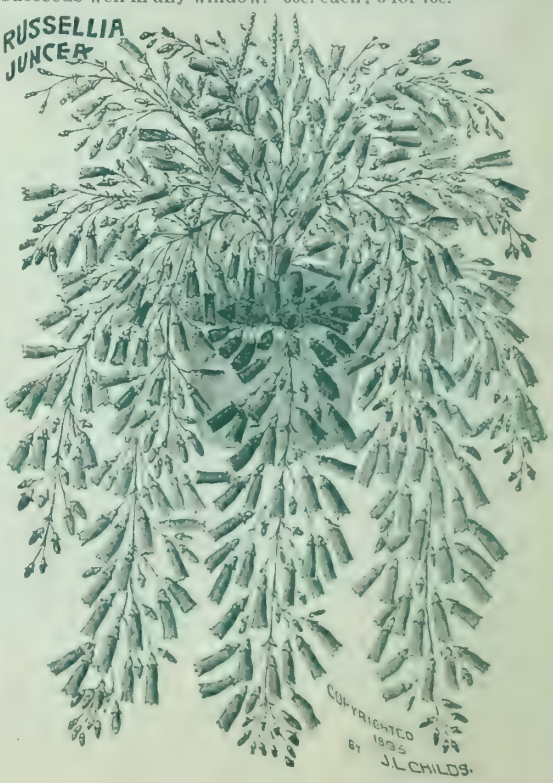
Next to the Otaheite Orange, this new dwarf Magnolia, for pot culture, is the most desirable plant of its class. It is of a shrubby nature, like the Orange, its leaves being evergreen and very ornamental, much more so than the Orange, but when loaded with large, yellowish flowers, of such superb fragrance, it is a plant which for novelty and genuine beauty is not surpassed. Its color is fine, having a rich brownish tinge, and the powerful fragrance of the blossoms is like rich, ripe bananas. For church or parlor decoration this plant has no superior. It is as easily grown in any window as a Geranium the year round, or it may be wintered in the cellar. South of Washington it is hardy. 60c. each.

Russellia Grandiflora.

This plant has long, wiry, graceful stems which grow in graceful, drooping masses, flowing like hair. On these stems are borne quantities of long, tubular flowers of the most vivid scarlet color, something like a Manettia bloom, but more numerous. It is a novel and beautiful plant, suitable either for beds in summer or pot culture. In pots it blooms the entire year, especially during the winter and early spring months. The great drooping masses of bloom are like a fountain of coral, scarlet and green. In the South it is perfectly hardy and a superb garden flower. In any climate it is one of the very easiest of all plants to grow, and certainly one of the most brilliant and persistent bloomers. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

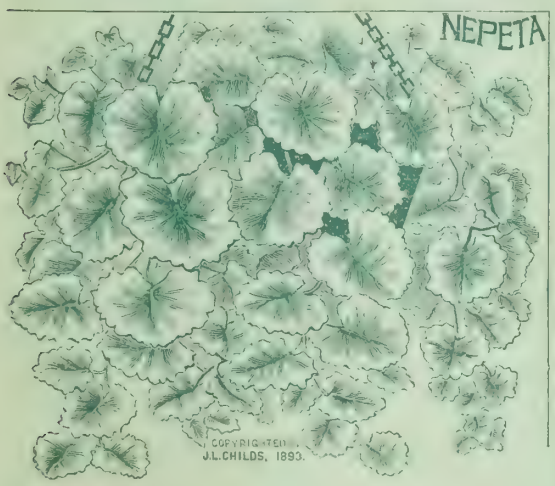
Olea Fragrans (Fragrant Olive).

This is the sweetest flower that blooms, belongs to the Olive family and is a perpetual bloomer, never without flowers, either summer or winter, though the plant may not be a foot in height. The flowers are small, creamy white and borne in immense clusters. Each individual blossom, though no larger than the head of a shawl-pin, has more sweetness than the largest and most fragrant Lily. Its fragrance is also delicate and charming, really the finest of all flowers, and you cannot pass a plant without noticing it. It succeeds well in any window. 30c. each; 3 for 70c.



Pleroma Splendens.

At present this is a rare flower. Not only is it a free grower and blooms the year round, but it is another addition to the very small list of purple-blue flowers, always an uncommon color, but a striking one, and one that imparts a look of richness to a general collection. Flowers very large —three inches across—opening flat, the velvety petals showing to great advantage, and reminding one of the regal beauty of Clematis Jackmanni. Plants commence to bloom when only a few inches high, and continue all the time. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Nepeta Glechoma.

This new Nepeta is hardy, fragrant and pretty, its small, round leaves finely marked with white. Very fine for hanging baskets, standing any abuse and looking cheerful under it. One of the prettiest things in the world with which to carpet graves, as it roots wherever it touches the ground and forms an impenetrable net work of vines, though which weeds and grass cannot creep. It will grow in any kind of soil, in sun or shade, hot or cold location, and is ever a mass of green and white, refreshing to the eye. Unsurpassed for vases, hanging pots or baskets. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

MANETTIA VINE.

Manettia Vine.

A poor vine is little but an eyesore; but a thrifty Manettia is lovely beyond question. It can be grown either in the house or garden, and is in full bloom every day in the year. In the house it can be trained all around a window, and it will be a solid wreath of bloom, both summer and winter; in the open ground, during summer, it will grow ten feet, branching freely and covering a large space of trellis, arbor or wall, showing at all times thousands of bright blossoms. The flowers are 1½ to 2 inches long, and of the most intense fiery scarlet, shading off to a bright yellow tip. They are also covered with a scarlet moss or hairy substance, which adds much to their beauty, and each flower keeps perfect for weeks before falling. No plant is easier to grow, and it commences to bloom most profusely at all times. There is not a day during its life that it is without flowers, if it has any sort of decent care. 15c. each, 3 for 35c.

Double Petunia.

A grand flower for pots, garden vases, or for summer bedding. Their splendid, large double flowers are fine in any situation and very freely produced. The two following sorts are the best.

Lucy Longstreat—Fine crimson, fringed and variegated with white; large and double and splendidly fimbriated.

Snowdrift—Large, double, fimbriated flower of purest snowy whiteness. Extra good.

Double Mixed—12 fine colors, 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 12 for $1.00.

20c. each: the two for 30c.

Filifera Palm.

One of the best window Palms, needing no petting to succeed. Stands dust and dry air, and lack of sunshine, and is very ornamental with its elegant fan-shaped leaves, of a rich, dark, leathery green, picturesquely fringed with long, thread-like filaments along the segments of the leaves. The plant is a compact grower, well-adaped to pot culture, succeeding in any situation, and with any treatment that will keep a Geranium alive. It will make a grand ornament during winter, and in summer it can adorn a veranda, or be placed in any shady place about the garden or yard, or used for a center in a vase, basket or flower bed—always ornamental anywhere. All plants of the fan-leaved sorts have, when young, leaves of a long, narrow shape, developing the round, fan-shaped ones as they grow older. *Strong plants, 30c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00. Seed, per paper, 10c.*

PHŒNIX PALM.

Phœnix Palms.

There are several varieties of Phœnix, most of them differing but little from each other. They are sturdy, hardy and robust growers, in time attaining a considerable size; they are always graceful and handsome, with foliage not surpassed. For window culture they are always a success as they readily adapt themselves to any situation. We can recommend thom highly. *Fine plants, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.*

Zamia.

We have all heard of the wonderful beauty of the rare Cycus Revoluta, and a good specimen of which is worth $5 to $30. Here we have a close relative of little cost, quick growing, and almost, if not quite, as decorative a plant for windows, hallways, etc. The Zamia grows freely, and will thrive, if need be, with no sunlight at all. No Palm is more beautiful than this, with its numerous long fronds of vivid green, and of such majestic beauty that all stop in admiration of it. 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Cocos Weddelliana.

A perfect little gem; one of the most elegant and graceful little Palms that has ever been introduced. The plant is dwarf and very neat; leaves whitish green on the under side, and arching out most gracefully. It is finely adapted for decorations of all sorts, and easily endures the hardships usually falling to house plants. 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

The Baby Primrose is one of the most lovely, and constant blooming plants that can be grown in any window.

Primula Obconica Hybrids.

GREATEST OF ALL NEW POT PLANTS.

These are new large-flowering Obconicas of various colors, as large and fine as Primula Sinensis. The old white variety is well known, but these new colors and larger flowers are among the very best novelties this year. Colors, pink, violet, blush, rose, lilac, white, etc. Very charming flowers, being borne in large trusses, and at all times of the year in great profusion. When we introduced these fine Primulas last year people could not realize what a treasure they are, but now they are better known the demand for them is something phenomenal. They bloom very quickly from seed, and the large showy blossoms are borne continually for a year, and when we realize that these flowers are as large as P. Sinensis, and almost as varied in colors, their great value is at once apparent. Plants very vigorous and easily grown as a Geranium.

Seed—All Colors Mixed, 15c. per pkt.; 3 pkts., 30c.

Plants—Fine healthy stock, ready to bloom, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Primula Forbesi.

(***Baby Primrose.***)

Plant is exceedingly graceful and ornamental, with slender flower stalks rising above the light green leaves, and bearing many dainty-colored flowers with yellow center. New flower stems are constantly appearing as fast as the old ones fade, and the same plant is always in bloom. The foliage grows in a tufty, compact mass, while the graceful flower stems reach high above it. Very hardy and easily grown in window gardens and apartments. Beautiful for cutting. One of the most charming pot plants grown.

Seed—10c. per pkt.; 3 pkts. for 25c.

Plants—Fine blooming plants, 15c. each; 3 for 35c.; 6 for 60c.

Water Hyacinth.

Each plant is a rosette-like cluster of smooth, round, green leaves, to each of which is attached a singular puffed, bladder-like leaf-stalk that enables the plant to float. Each flower in the spike is the size of a silver dollar. A blending of lilac-rose and azure blue tints, with the upper and slightly hooded petal blotched a deep metallic blue, with golden spot in the center, and sparkling in the sun as though sprinkled with diamond dust. Grows well in open vessels in the window, or in tubs or pools out of doors. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

HYDRANGEA.

Hydrangea.

Superb and easily managed tub plants, blooming when very small, and growing larger and finer each year. Their immense close panicles of bloom are wonderfully showy, and they last in perfection for months.

Rosea—Rose color, turning to blue. Very large and profuse.
Thos. Hogg—Much like above, but more white.
Red Branched—This new variety, with heads of bloom as large as a water-pail, is of unusual value, commencing to bear its enormous trusses of deep rose-pink bloom while yet very small and increasing constantly in size and profusion of bloom. The stems and branches are dark purplish red, which, with the fresh green leaves, set off the clouds of rosy bloom admirably.
Mariesi—A distinct novelty. In growth it resembles Hortensia and Otaska, but in size and color of flower is entirely distinct. It has immense size bloom, fully twice the size of Otaska. Color, a beautiful light pink, tinted mauve.
20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

Swainsonia, or Swanflower.

It will be hard to name a plant now in cultivation which can equal this in beauty and general good qualities. It has a most beautiful fern-like foliage and blooms perpetually every day in the year, its blossoms being the shape and nearly the size of Sweet Peas, and borne in great clusters of twenty to forty. These clusters appear at the axils of the leaves, and a single branch shows many clusters of bloom at all times. The plant is a free and rapid grower, beginning to bloom in three or four weeks from cuttings, and continuing for years. It is easier to grow and manage than a Geranium, thriving in any soil or in any window, and is a superb bedding plant for the garden in summer. We believe there is no plant so easy to grow, or one that thrives and blooms under all conditions as does this charming plant.

Pure White—Large milky white; exquisite.
Deep Red—Fine dark red, with large white blotches.
Pink—New; bright pink, white center.
Price, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Parrot's Feather.

A lovely, mossy plant, with long, trailing stems covered with plumy, feathery foliage of the freshest loveliest green imaginable. Is fine for aquariums, where few plants do well, and makes the water much more healthful for the fish. Grows nicely also in water tubs or ornamental pools, and is much admired when grown in hanging pots or baskets of soil. It grows as well in soil as in water, if it is kept well watered. It is one of the most charming trailing and drooping plants, and grows so rapidly that it can be cut with the greatest freedom. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

VIOLET, SWANLEY WHITE.

Sweet Violets.

The flower of sentiment and song, and ever the symbol of modest worth. Its delicious fragrance alone makes it friends everywhere, but this is only one of many merits. In the inclement weather of early spring and late autumn, the Violet greets us with its pretty, sturdy, fragrant blooms that have no fear of frosts or sleets, but blooms in sweetness to the very verge of winter. If given protection in pit or cold frame, or unheated halls or chambers, these Violets may be had in bloom all winter, but they will stand little fire heat.

Swanley White—In pots it grows luxuriantly and is loaded with flowers. In the garden it is hardy with slight protection, and greets us in early spring with a profusion of its large, snowy, sweet-scented blossoms. The growth of the plant is vigorous and healthy, bearing in great numbers very large, perfectly double flowers of pure snowy whiteness and unexcelled fragrance. A plant will often have fifty flowers open at once

Imperial—The finest blue Violet. Flowers extra large and sweet, borne in great profusion.

Alaska A grand new sort, well adapted to garden culture, being hardy and robust and producing in spring great masses of enormous double flowers of a deep blue-black color and powerful fragrance.

La France—A new single Violet of great size, beauty, and fragrance. Flowers single, borne on long graceful stems, and unsurpassed for color and fragrance.

Belle de Brunneau—The most magnificent double Violet ever introduced. Large flowers, long stems, deepest, richest violet color, and unsurpassed fragrance.

15c. each; the 5 for 50c.; $1.00 per doz.

Passifloras.

Fine foliage and graceful climbing habit. Very peculiar corona-like flowers, but very beautiful and unlike any other flower. Easy to grow either in window or open ground.

Pfordti—The best for pot culture, as it blooms when but a foot high, large, handsome, fringed flowers, exhibiting a mingling of white, pink, brown and blue in its coloring, making a flower of the most fascinating beauty.

Constance Elliott—One of the most graceful of all vines. Flowers pure white.

Princeps Coccinea–Intense scarlet blossoms borne in large, graceful racemes two feet in length with 20 or more blossoms. One of the handsomest of all greenhouse vines. Very rare.

Londoni—New and very fine. Like Princeps it has long drooping panicles of bloom of a lovely wine or purplish red color.

Price, 20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

Sanseveria Zealanica.

There is scarcely a decorative plant listed that is more striking in foliage and habit than this, and certainly none other that will stand as much downright neglect and hardship. Nothing but frost or a continual drenching with water has terrors for it. It will grow in a dark hall, a cool bedroom, or stand on the mantel in a heated sitting-room. It will stand gas and dust, and will go for months without a drop of water, yet remain as thrifty as ever. Singularly beautiful, as well as easily grown. Erect, rigid, sword-like leaves; in some old specimens reaching a length of from four to six feet. The leaves are thick and fleshy, a dark green color, with clouded bars of white. In May and June it sends up long, plumy flower spikes, which, in their soft, feathery whiteness, remind one of an Agave's flower. The splendid outlines of this plant, together with its distinctive marbling, makes it a superb plant for jardinieres, centers of vases, etc. It will also grow splendidly out of doors in summer. Just the plant for sunless windows or halls, where nothing else will grow. It is new and little known to cultivation but a plant which all will delight to possess. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Stapelia Variegata.

Not strictly a Cactus, but resembles one in habit and appearance. Thick, succulent stems and star-shaped, spotted maroon, brown and yellow blossoms, very odd and striking. Flowers throughout the year. The flowers are thick and leathery, resembling the skin of a reptile. It is exeedingly attractive. 15c.

Rare Tropical Fruits for Pot Culture.

These make the most novel and interesting pot or tub plants, and are the easiest of all pot plants to grow. Many are handsome in foliage, in blossoms, and all showy, interesting and luscious in fruit. The most of them fruit the greater part of the year. Growing the beautiful and rare fruits in pots opens up a new field in plant culture which is rich in interest and pleasure. Our friends will be delighted with them.

FIG, HIRTU DU JAPAN.

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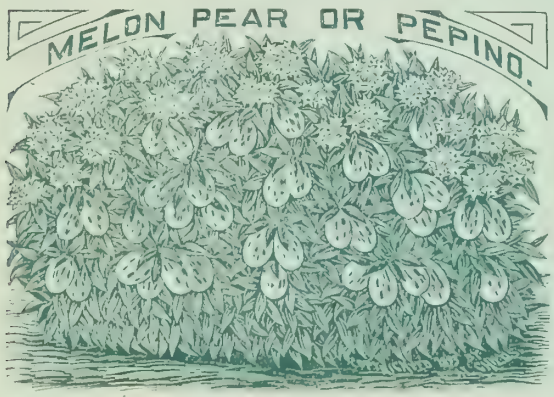
A WONDERFUL NEW POT FIG.

This notable variety imported from Japan deserves high praise and general introduction. It is of compact, hardy growth. Indeed, it is a dwarf Fig, making little wood. Its immense load of fruit is astonishing, and it is nearer a perpetual bearer than any other. The purple Figs are of medium size. The flesh is white, but with brown specks of imperfect seeds and cream tinted heart. For the South this is one of the best varieties for the garden, yielding twice as much fruit to a given surface as any other variety. The ideal Fig for pot culture in the North. 50c. each; 3 for $1.25.



Melon Pear, or Pepino.

A rapid-growing dark-leaved plant, blooming when quite small. The fruit is the size and shape of a goose egg, and is very handsome; in color a pale lemon mottled with waves of bright violet. Inside the fruit resembles a pear, and tastes somewhat like a banana, but is much sweeter and juicier. Very ornamental when in flower and fruit. An elegant pot plant; also fine for the garden. 20c. each; 3 or 50c.; 7 for $1.00.

Otaheite Orange.

An extra fine pot plant, with glossy green leaves, the true fragrant orange blooms and abundant little bright oranges that will hang on the little bush like balls of gold for six months after they are ripe. They will bloom and fruit in a two-inch pot; and we have seen a plant in a common window, that was but 15 inches high, and had 23 oranges on it. With good sunlight they are never out of fruit from one year's end to another, and at least two-thirds of the time are in flower also. The fruit is very sweet and handsome. Could we have but one plant in our window it would be an Otaheite Orange. In beauty, grace and fragrance there is nothing like its delicate, leafy sprays of bloom, so indescribable, exquisite, dainty, lovely and adorable. Fine plants for blooming and fruiting at once.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; extra large, by express, 40c.

The Kumquat Orange.

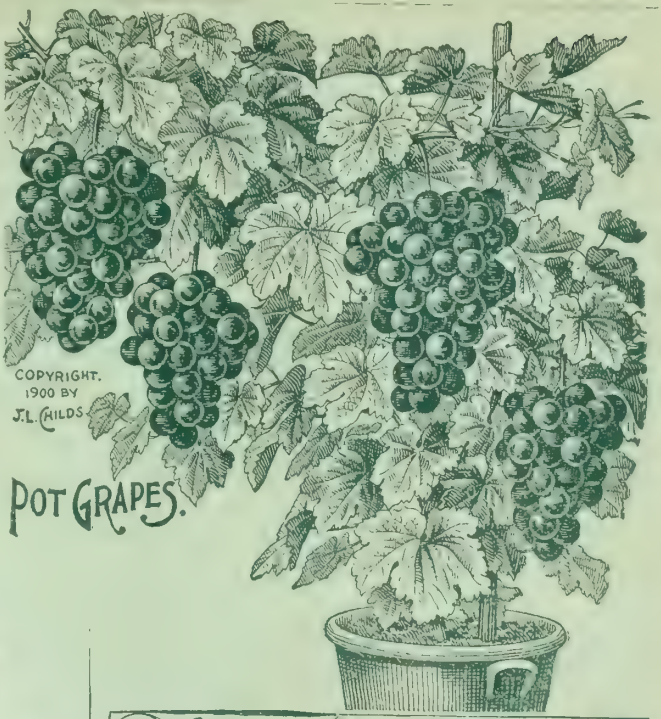
Another dwarf Orange for pots, or for the open ground South, and even finer than the Otaheite. It bears in marvelous profusion little miniature oranges, *no larger than a damson plum*, of a rich golden color and glittering amid the dark foliage like burnished gold. The whole fruit, *rind and all*, is eaten, and people become extremely fond of them. The rind is *sweet* and the pulp agreeably acid, making a piquant combination which is most delicious and refreshing. They are also delicious preserved and crystalized. In both flower and fruit this is a most beautiful pot plant, and is bound to become as popular as the Otaheite though entirely different. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

The Strawberry Guava.

A beautiful pot plant, with shining evergreen foliage that resembles Camellia leaves, and handsome fruit nearly the size of a walnut, and a fine strawberry-like flavor. The fruit makes the finest and most nutritious jelly that there is and blooms and fruits continuously the year round. It must be considered as useful as ornamental. A very heavy bearer, and the fruit is very handsome. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Pot Grapes.

The finest grapes in the world can be grown from these vines in 10 to 12 inch pots, in conservatories, windows or on verandas. With 4 to 6 feet of growth several bunches of fine fruit, some weighing over a pound will be produced. The sight of the small vines growing in pots has been one of the wonders to be seen at our place the past year. Grow the vines out doors (pots plunged) the first summer. Winter them in cellar, pit or cold shed. Any time after February they may be placed in light and warmth for growth which will start at once. Flowers and fruit will speedily follow. These great bunches of delicious fruit will ripen in May if plants are started end of February. The January (1901) MAYFLOWER contains an article by Adolf Jaenicke on the growing of these wonderful pot grapes. They are one of the easiest and simplest things to manage properly, and to bring into fruit, as a window or veranda plant, and certainly there is nothing more attractive, novel, or satisfactory to grow. The enormous bunches of large berries are extremely handsome and perfectly delicious. The ideal thing to grow in large quantity in greenhouses or conservatories. Fine vines, 50c. each; 3 (all different kinds) for $1.25.



Wonder Lemon.

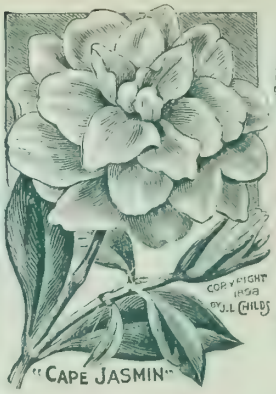
A lemon that can be as easily grown in a pot as a Geranium and which produces fruit weighing from one to three pounds each. These enormous fruits are borne on plants one to two feet high, growing in 5 to 6-inch pots. It is everbearing and its fruit is delicious for lemonade and culinary purposes. It makes a beautiful specimen plant for the house. Has large, deep green leaves and pure, waxy-like flowers that are fragrant as orange blossoms. The enormous lemons have a thin rind and are full of acid juice. The trees require no grafting or budding, and we guarantee every tree to produce the same large fruit. Will thrive in any good soil, either indoors or out. A fitting companion to the Otaheite Orange, and one of the grandest new pot plants ever introduced. Strong well established plants, 30c.

Banana Orinoco.

This is a superb plant both in foliage and fruit. One of the finest Bananas for pot culture, and fruits splendidly. The leaves are borne in a palm-like crown or cluster, each leaf (three to five feet long, and two feet broad; of a clear, shining green, curved and crinkled in the most pleasing manner. This is even finer than Musa Ensette as a decorative plant. The most beautiful foliage plant that can be grown outside of the hothouse. Grand for bedding out in summer, or for conservatory or warm window decorations. Can be kept unwatered in a cellar over winter, if there is no room for it in the window. 30c. each; 3 for 75c.

SPECIAL OFFER.

For only $2.00 we will send one each of the 8 fine Tropical Fruits offered on this page.



Splendid Plants at 10c. each.

The splendid Collection of 25 Flowering Plants, on this and the next page will be sold at 10c. each; $1.00 per dozen; fine, healthy, strong stock by mail postpaid.

Begonia Vernon—Plants flower perpetually all the year round, being completely covered with bloom at all times, especially during winter. They make lovely bedding plants in summer, the leaves when exposed to the sun turning to rich bronze color, adding much to the beauty of the flowers.

Begonia Vernon, Crimson—Produces a profusion of dark crimson flowers. Many of our customers regard this as the very finest pot plant for perpetual blooming in existence.

Begonia Vernon, White—Splendid large blossoms, pure white.

Begonia Vernon, Pink—Lovely blush and pink shades. In other respects like above.

Cape Jasmine—A lovely pot shrub producing an abundance of large, double, white, wax-like blossoms of great beauty and renowned fragrance. Nothing else like it, and for delicate beauty and fragrance it is unrivaled.

Cereus, Night-blooming—The most beautiful flower in the world. Its blossoms are a foot across, of a pure satiny white, outside petals tinged with reddish brown. It is also deliciously fragrant. No description can do justice to its wonderful beauty, or portray the magnificence of its pure cup, filled with thousands of silky stamens. Truly a flower of the gods, and one which seems not of earth, as its beauty is unfolded only in midnight's darkness.

Bottle Brush—The Bottle Brush, (Metrosideros) is a hard wooded shrub with small, narrow, willow-like foliage which is evergreen. The plant branches freely and bears at the terminal of the branches a large round cluster of bristle-like blossoms, exactly the shape and size of a large brush for cleaning bottles. The flower is one of the most curious and unique in cultivation, and attracts universal attention. There are several colors, intense scarlet, white and a dark reddish pink. Makes splendid pot plants.

Crassula, Trailing—No trailing plant can be more lovely than this beautiful succulent. Leaves thick and heavy, closely placed above the stems, which are long and droop and curve beautifully. It is not only beautiful, but exceedingly odd; quite impossible to properly describe it. We have been years working up a stock of this plant.

Childsia, or Treasure Vine—A beautiful climbing compositae, suitable for cool, shady windows or verandas. While it will grow to the height of 10 feet, it blooms profusely when very small, its flowers being like a Clematis in shape, but intense scarlet in color, which, added to the beauty of its foliage and natural grace of growth, makes one of the most elegant flowering plants ever seen.

Commelina Sellowiana—A lovely perpetual flowering "Wandering Jew" suitable for the garden in summer or for pots all the year. Like the common "Wandering Jew" it is of trailing habit, producing each day large numbers of beautiful blossoms, two inches across, of the most exquisite blue color. The flowers really look like blue butterflies. It is one of the finest of all blue flowering plants. Blooms in a very short time from seed, and for either garden or pots it is a perfect gem, flowering freely every day all winter and summer. Besides it is a superb trailing vine for hanging pots. One of the very best new flowering plants.

Genista—As a pot plant for late winter and early spring blooming (especially for Easter), it is almost without an equal. Flowers golden yellow, very fragrant, and borne in large, drooping racemes and in such quantity as to almost hide leaf and branch—most truly a "Shower of Gold." It is one of the easiest plants to grow we ever saw, and is absolutely sure to bloom profusely in any window. As a plant for rare beauty, delightful fragrance, and ease of culture, it has no superior and should adorn every home.

Japan Cedar—A most dainty and handsome plant that has all the grace and beauty of Auracaria Excelsa (for which it is often mistaken), but which has the happy faculty of successfully withstanding the trying atmosphere of living rooms. The plants offered by us, if given ordinary good care and attention, should be 12 to 16 inches tall and ready for 6-inch pots by late fall and will readily bring $1.50 to $2.00 each. As far north as Philadelphia it is hardy outdoors, where it makes a most beautiful shrub for lawn planting and will ultimately attain great size. A grand new decorative plant of great value.

Lemon Verbena—An old but always popular plant, prized for its fragrant foliage. Sprays of its leaves are always fine to use with flowers in bouquets. Very easily grown and can be wintered in cellar if need be.

Tolinium Variegatum—A robust plant with thick, succulent leaves which are beautifully variegated white and green, the larger portion being white. A highly ornamental plant and one that does well in windows. For bedding it is just superb, being superior to Phrynium or any white leaved plant. Will always attract much attention for the beauty of its foliage and delicate sprays of pretty flowers.

HELIOTROPE PICCIOLA.

Heliotrope Picciola — A dwarf, large flowering variety. Plant robust, with fine, healthy foliage, but a dwarf, compact grower, making it particularly desirable as a pot plant. Flowers, which are of a fine violet-blue color, with large white center, are of enormous size and borne in immense panicles. Always in bloom. Very fragrant.

Merica Gracilis—A beautiful plant with bright green sword shaped foliage which is evergreen and beautiful all the year. In fact it is a splendid decorative or ornamental foliage plant. It blooms freely from March to June and its blossoms are exquisitely handsome, being shaped like a Tigridia, the large petals pure white while the inner ones are sky blue with beautiful spotting in other colors. A very rare plant, and fine in every respect, growing freely in any situation, even in shady windows.

Lantana, Weeping—This new trailing plant is a real beauty and highly desirable for bracket pots and hanging baskets. The slender trailing growth, and abundance of rich blossoms making it a plant of peculiar beauty. Color, a fine lilac, and sweetly scented. Very graceful, and a plant easily grown in any situation.

Lantana, Scarlet Fiery—A new Lantana of unusual beauty, being of dwarf, compact growth, and a profuse and perpetual bloomer. Its flowers, which appear at all times of the year in great numbers, when they first open are golden yellow, changing the next day to deep, fiery scarlet. This unique habit causes each cluster of flowers to show to most beautiful advantage, as the center flowers, which recently opened, are yellow, and those which surround the center deep scarlet. Valuable alike for pots for blooming at all times of the year, or for bedding out.

Lantana, Yellow Firefly—A seedling. Fine golden-yellow.

Banana Plant — A splendid plant from Jalapa, and one of peculiar value owing to the great fragrance of its foliage. Each leaf is highly perfumed like a delicious ripe Banana. This rich fragrance is perfectly delightful, and fine for vases and bouquets. Its flowers are also very pretty and fragrant. Plant is a free, easy and rapid grower, even better in this respect than a Geranium.

Pitcairnia—A splendid pot and bedding plant having the general appearance of a Dracaena with beautiful Dracaena-like green leaves. The flowers are borne on a long stem which rises from the center of the plant and produces a grand spike. The color of the flowers is intense scarlet and makes a fine show. Highly ornamental in foliage and exceedingly brilliant in flower.

Smilax—The dainty, yet luxuriant masses of the glossy Smilax are as handsome in the window as any other flower, and, as the plant is easy to grow, any one can possess it. A beautiful climber for the arch of a plant stand, wreathing it in a bower of the loveliest green. The finest foliage we have for bouquets, cut flower work, etc., as it is so beautiful and spray-like, and lasts for hours without wilting. Flowers white, profuse and fragrant.

Strobilanthus Dyerianus—A new house and bedding plant of great beauty. It forms a compact bush 18 inches high, with leaves 6 to 9 inches long, 3 to 4 inches wide, and of the most intense metallic purple color, shading into light rose, with a light green margin, a combination unapproached in any other plant. The flowers are a lovely violet-blue, very beautiful, of a Gloxinia-like appearance. For a bedding plant it has few equals. In an exposed position its foliage colors highly, and is superb.

Verbena Mayflower, Pink—Shape of blossoms, color, and fragrance, are almost identical with the wide-famed and cherished Trailing Arbutus, or Mayflower. The flowers are rich and powerful in fragrance. Varies from light to deep pink, like the Arbutus, with the same unexcelled fragrance. A lovely pot as well as garden flower.

Verbena Mayflower, White—Pure snow white, with delicious Arbutus fragrance.

MERICA GRACILIS.

Any of these Fine Plants at 10c. each; $1.00 per doz.

CHILDS' STRONG, HEALTHY ROSES.

There is a difference between strong, cool grown, well established Roses, and those which have been forced into an immediate and rapid growth from cuttings by excessive heat. The former are from summer propagations and are thus tough, vigorous, well rooted and hard. The latter are weak, tender, with limited vitality, and are profitably sold at a very low price. Our Roses are not of this class. They are propagations of last summer, heavily rooted, cool grown, well hardened, strong and tough, and will give results.

The Rose is the emblem of beauty and true worth; the Rose-bud of innocence and purity. At all times and in all places the Rose has ever been acknowledged the Queen of Flowers. The maiden of two thousand years ago adorned herself with chaplets and garlands of Roses as does the maiden of to-day. The use of Roses is now more universal than ever. We cannot get along without Roses for pillars and hedges and bedding. They are indispensable for vases or for fine cut-flower work, while no other flower is as popular for wearing or table decoration. Every family ought to grow them in abundance, for never in the history of the world have Roses been as low in price as now, and never as beautiful. The Rose has been brought to such a state of perfection as regards size, shape and color of flower, that it seems impossible for further improvement.

The secret of having good Roses is to begin with good, healthy plants, and not weak, sickly things, or those with stunted growth. The growth of many Roses is stunted before they are sent out, by leaving them too long in the cutting bed or in small pots, hence the weak growth and poor blossoms which follow. We furnish strong, vigorous, well-rooted Roses ready to grow and bloom at once, and it is for this reason more than any other that our plants produce such an unusual large amount of the finest flowers. We have revised our list of varieties over and over again, until we know that those here offered are the very cream of more than a thousand known kinds. We do not believe that the list could possibly be improved. It embraces many recent novelties, as well as all the fine old sorts of tried and true merit.

Our complete system of mailing Roses and other plants in strong boxes insures their carrying to the remotest parts of the Union in perfect order.

Tea, or Everblooming Roses.

The most popular for bedding. Blooms when very small, and if well cared for flowers continuously the whole season. The Roses are of great substance, with remarkably long, handsome buds and shell-petaled flowers of most exquisite soft shades and distinct tea-like fragrance. Largely grown in pots for winter blooming. Give winter protection by banking with earth or covering with evergreen boughs.

Bridesmaid—A lovely new Rose of large size and perfect form. Exquisite soft sea-shell pink, with a satin lustre.

Champion of the World—Flowers in the greatest profusion all the time, SUMMER AND WINTER. Plants which have bloomed all summer in the garden may be potted in the autumn, and they will immediately start new growth and bloom profusely all winter in any window. It is never without flowers. Though a perpetual blooomer, it is hardy and robust as an oak, standing the severe winters of Vermont, where it originated, in the open ground without the slightest protection, and commencing its season of bloom earlier than any other sort. For a hardy garden Rose it is as valuable as it is for pots. It is ABSOLUTELY MILDEW PROOF. It has the most delicious and powerful rose fragrance, which is maintained during the whole year. Its perfume in December is as rich, delicate and sweet as it is in June. Its blossoms are perfectly double to the center and of the most perfect shape, both in bud and blossom, while its color is a degree of loveliness which few roses can equal, being a rich, deep rosy pink. Its size is very large for an everbloomer, often as large and fine as La France.

Childs' Jewel—Produces flowers which range in color from dark orange-yellow to crimson, variegated, blotched, mottled, etc. A plant in bloom shows no two flowers alike. Some will be dark yellow, others light yellow, buff, saffron, light and dark crimson, pink, blush, apricot, etc., while others will be variegated in a most beautiful manner.

Duchess de Brabrant—Exceedingly robust and fragrant and one of the freest of all in bloom. The color is a delicate and peculiar shade of rose, richly shaded.

Etoile de Lyon—One of the best outdoor Roses growing and the hardiest of all the yellow varieties. A free bloomer, flower large, of a rich creamy yellow, and finely cupped.

Gen. Robert E. Lee—Enormous bloomer; exquisite buds, borne on long, graceful stems. When fully open it is perfectly double to the center. Beautiful soft yellow.

Golden Gate—A magnificent Rose with large, full, finely formed flowers; buds long and beautiful. Color, rich, creamy white, tinged with golden yellow and clear rose.

Highland Mary—A persistent bloomer, both summer and winter, with a strong and good growth; flowers full, double and exceedingly sweet. Blossoms beautifully cupped, each petal being white, with a delicate lemon tinge; just enough to make it perfectly exquisite. Each petal is also bordered with a delicate band of pink, which, blending with the white and lemon tinge, makes a combination which is truly fascinating.

Marion Dingee—A beautifully cupped flower of exquisite beauty, and a most profuse bloomer. Deep crimson.

Madame de Watteville—Often called the Tulip Rose. One of the best fancy Roses, an indescribable blending of cream and carmine, each shell-like petal outlined with bright pink. Its distinct fragrance is very pleasing.

Marie Cuillot—One of the finest outdoor white Roses. Very free, perfect and beautiful.

Papa Contier—Fine for either garden or house. Large flowers of great substance and very fragrant. Color, a rich, dark carmine. A glorious Rose.

Perle des Jardins—Almost an exact counterpart of the famous Marshal Niel Rose, but very robust and of dwarf growth. Fine either for pots or open ground.

Queen—This superb Rose has beautifully pointed buds and distinct fragrance; pure snowy white in color.

Queen's Scarlet—An extra good Rose. Always in bloom, and the color an unusual one among everbloomers, being a dark, rich, satiny crimson. No better dark Rose.

Rainbow—A charming new Rose, showing several different colors in the same flower.

Snowflake—A new white Rose, with lovely waxen blooms.

Sunset—A rich golden amber, or old gold, elegantly tinged and shaded with ruddy copper. Flowers and buds are extra large, full, finely formed and deliciously perfumed.

Souv. de la Malmaison—A noble Rose; flower is extremely large and double; color flesh white, clear and fresh.

The Bride—An exquisitely lovely Rose, and very popular. Beautiful foliage and perfect double flowers of the very largest size, and of the most snowy whiteness.

White Perle des Jardins—Exactly like that superb sort in every respect except color, which is a pure snow white.

Price, 15c. each; 5 for 50c., or more at 10c. each.

Rose, Winter Gem.

This is the greatest Rose Novelty in years, owing both to its beauty and unparalleled blooming qualities. It is a Tea Rose of remarkably strong and vigorous growth and a prodigious bloomer all the year. It flowers all the time, particularly during winter, hence its name. The blossoms are borne on long graceful stems, are of large size and a lovely crimson-pink color. Buds perfectly exquisite, and the open flower full and double. It is the strongest, hardiest, most vigorous and rapid growing Tea Rose in cultivation. One plant of it will produce more good Roses in the year than 12 plants of any other Tea Rose grown. The plant will bloom continually, and nothing but killing it outright will check it. The blossoms are singularly beautiful in shape, color and poise, and most deliciously scented. More fragrant than any other. It is so strong and vigorous that it never mildews, and is a rapid grower, blooming at once from small cuttings. The greatest Rose for amateurs, and one that will positively bloom prodigiously in any window at all times of year. Strong, well established plants, ready to bloom at once, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

POLYANTHUS ROSE.

Polyanthus Roses.

These are "Fairy" Roses, sometimes less than an inch across, but borne in large panicles at the end of every shoot, often 120 flowers in one cluster. Fine for pot culture. Compact, bushy, always in bloom. Hardy in open ground.

Mignonette—Pale pink, immense clusters.
Parquette—Large clusters of white blossoms.
Mad. Cecil Brunner—Salmon on yellow ground.
Glorie de Polyanthus—Bright pink, rayed.
George Pernet—Bright rose, touched yellow.
Clotilde Soupert—As large as an ordinary Tea Rose, and exceedingly lovely. Fine for outdoor, and by many florists considered the finest pot Rose. Color, a pearly white, with exquisite center of tinted salmon-peach.
Yellow Soupert—Very double, of fine Camellia shape, beautiful light yellow shading to white.

10c. each; the 7 for 60c.

Everblooming Climbing Roses.

Fine for conservatories, windows, verandas, etc., or for the open ground south of Baltimore.

Climbing Meteor—This Rose which we recently introduced, might properly be called a Perpetual Blooming Climbing General Jacqueminot. Though a sport from the finest of all Hybrid Teas, Meteor, it is much larger and of a deeper, richer color, equalled only by the peerless Jacqueminot, but will produce twenty blossoms to Jacqueminot's one. It is a Rose which will make 10 to 15 feet of growth in a season and show a profusion of bloom every day. Foliage strong, healthy and luxuriant. Buds exquisite; flowers large, beautifully shaped, and of that rich, dark, velvety crimson color seen only in the Jacqueminot. Much deeper and richer than Meteor. We do not hesitate to pronounce it the finest Rose in existence for summer blooming, as it will make a large growth and is loaded with its glorious blossoms all the time. For winter blooming it has few equals in beauty and probably none in profusion. Just the Rose to train up in a conservatory or bay window, where its exquisite blossoms will show to wonderful advantage every day, summer and winter.

Climbing Bride—A superb new Rose offered last year for the first time, and a fine companion for Climbing Meteor. It flowers freely at all times of the year, its blossoms being of large size, beautiful shape and pure snow-white in color. It is like Marechal Niel in growth, but stronger and more free in blooming. Flowers larger than Bride and possess more substance. It is almost as hardy as a hybrid Perpetual, and is safe in open ground south of New York. It makes a most magnificent pillar Rose, especially when grown with Climbing Meteor. As a pot Rose for window or conservatory it has no superior. It is far ahead of the celebrated Climbing Marie Guillot in every respect.

Empress of China—A new free-flowering, climbing Rose of Chinese origin. The plant is a strong, healthy grower, making a fine specimen in a very short time, and produces its flowers in the greatest profusion. Hardy and a perpetual bloomer, like Mary Washington. Color, soft red, changing to light pink when fully open.

Marechal Niel—The old and well known Climber bearing flowers of the largest size and most exquisite beauty. Color brightest and richest yellow.

20c. each; the 4 for 60c.

Hybrid Tea Roses.

These combine the best qualities of both the Teas and Hybrid Perpetuals, of which they are a cross, giving us the fine coloring and large size of the Hybrid Perpetuals with the everblooming character of the Teas. This section is also much hardier than the average Tea, and while of a fine erect habit, are much dwarfer than the Hybrid Perpetuals, making them extra fine for specimen plants upon the lawn, or as center plants for beds of Tea Roses. Splendid for pots.

La France—Delicate silver-rose, shaded with cerise-pink, often silvery pink with peach shading. Very large, very double and of superb form. It flowers continually throughout the season. None can surpass the delicacy of its coloring; in fragrance incomparable; in form perfect. The sweetest of all Roses and ranks first class.

White La France (Augustine Guinoisseau)—This magnificent new Rose is a pure white La France; the buds and flowers are extra large, very full and finely formed; the fragrance is delicious. It is a free continuous bloomer.

Meteor—Shows the peculiar velvety richness of the best dark Hybrid Perpetuals and blooms as freely as any Tea. Very double and perfect; a rich, glowing crimson, never tinged with magenta or dull purple in hot weather, as are some dark Roses. A grand bedding Rose.

Mme. Abel Chatenay—This is a wonderfully strong, healthy growing variety, with rich bright foliage. A grand bedding Rose, as it is a profuse and continuous bloomer, flowers of good size, very double, with slightly recurved petals; elegant buds, just the right size and shape for buttonhole use. Rosy carmine shaded salmon.

Maman Cochet—This is a remarkable new Rose of great merit. In rapidity and sturdiness of growth, profusion of bloom, and superb form of bud and flower; it will be hard to find its equal. Small pot plants in open ground will, during the season, produce on long, stiff stems hundreds of perfect flowers that are enchanting in fragrance and delicate brightness. The color is rich and mellow—pearly pink, changing to silvery rose. It blooms nearly all the time. We recommend it as a grand Rose.

White Maman Cochet—This is a superb variety and to see it in bloom one is lost to find words to express its wonderful beauty. It is identical with its parent, Maman Cochet, a Queen among pink garden roses, except in color of flower, which is snowy white, sometimes faintly tinged with faintest suggestion of pale blush; same freedom of bloom, magnificent form of buds and flowers, which is beautiful in its perfection. Flowers large and double, petals of unusually heavy texture, making it of more than ordinary value in the open ground.

Souvenir du President Carnot—This variety is so fascinating that we believe it to be, everything considered, one of the greatest introductions of the last ten years. It is superb in every way. The flowers are large, full and double, exquisitely shaped, with heavy, thick shell-like petals. The buds are beautiful—long and pointed like Niphetos. The color is new; delicate rose-blush, shaded a trifle deeper at center of flower. Deliciously fragrant.

Halloween—The striped Meteor. Flowers fine large size and perfect shape of Meteor, while the color is rich dark crimson, each petal freely and distinctly striped pure white and pink. Quite hardy in the open ground. The only distinctly striped Everblooming Rose.

15c. each; 4 for 50c.; 8 for 90c.

Hybrid Perpetual Roses.

Hybrid Perpetuals ought to be very extensively grown. The flowers are of very great size and beauty, produced in great profusion in spring, and to a considerable extent all summer. Their tall, erect habit fits them for ornamental hedges, centers of large Rose beds, or clumps of shrubbery. They furnish us with deep, rich glowering colors, to be found in no other section of the family, and their flowers are also very much longer, while beautifully cupped and imbricated. They are the finest of all Roses for vases. Perfectly hardy in the open ground in all localities.

Anna de Diesbach—A superb flower of immense size Rich, dazzling crimson.

Coquette des Blanches—Very double and perfect, blooming in large clusters. Snowy white.

Coquette des Alps—Fine snowy white, large and full.

General Jacqueminot—Large, velvety flowers of the most intense maroon-scarlet, each set in a cluster of rich green leaves. Blooms repeatedly through the summer and fall and is the most popular Rose grown, without exception.

Paul Neyron—Immense double flowers, of a shining carmine-pink. The largest Rose grown; perfectly grand.

Dinsmore—Always in flower, with large, finely imbricated flowers, of a rich, bright crimson. Extra fine as specimen Rose upon the lawn.

Francis Levet—Extra fine Rose of large size and clear, bright rose color. Very rich and fragrant.

Clorie Lyonaise—This is the nearest approach to a yellow in this class. A pale shade of salmon-yellow with deeper center, changing to creamy white.

Prince Camille de Rohan—Plenty of name and plenty of Rose. Flowers crimson-black, very large and velvety.

Marshal P. Wilder—Bright cherry-carmine. Great size and perfectly double. Superb.

Vick's Caprice—The flowers are large, ground color of soft satiny pink, distinctly striped and dashed with white and carmine. It is beautiful in the bud form, being quite long and pointed, showing the stripes and markings to great advantage, making it a valuable and desirable variety for cutting.

Clio—Flesh color. One of the finest Roses, having the most delicate texture and coloring imaginable. In size very large. Flowers measuring 5 inches in diameter, and truly magnificent in appearance. The plant is a very vigorous grower, perfectly hardy; flowers freely produced throughout the season.

Jubilee—Color pure red, shading to crimson and maroon at the base of petal, forming a coloring equaled by that of no other rose. The buds are long, held up on long, stout flower stems, making it valuable for cut flowers.

Countess of Oxford—A superb Rose; extra large flowers; full, perfect form; exceedingly sweet; color bright carmine-red, elegantly shaded.

15c. each; 5 for 60c.; the 14 for $1.50.

Trailing or Memorial Roses.

New and very distinct; of rapid and perfectly prostrate or trailing habit of growth. The foliage is of a deep glossy green color and very dense. It is also evergreen, remaining bright and fresh all winter, and until the new foliage is ready to start in spring. Flowers produced in great abundance during most of the summer, are of good size and borne in clusters. These blossoms are followed by bright colored berries, which are highly ornamental. Nothing finer for cemeteries, or for covering banks, rockeries, stumps, etc.

Laevigata—A new, hardy, evergreen Japanese Rose with the most beautiful, heavy, dark, glossy-green foliage that is as bright and showy in winter out of doors as it is in summer. The plant trails over the ground, the runners growing six to ten feet in a season, making the most beautiful carpet of green ever seen, which sets off to great advantage the numerous clusters of large, pure white flowers, the center of each flower being filled with golden stamens. The blossoms are extremely beautiful and powerfully fragrant. Not only for the open ground, but for pots it is a highly beautiful plant. For cemetery planting it is the grandest thing introduced. No description or cut can do it justice.

Evergreen Gem—The most wonderful grower of the set, not only evergreen but growing during mild weather in winter. Stems long, branching, rich bronze color, closely matted. Flowers produced singly on stems, yellow, buff in bud, opening to almost white, two or three inches in diameter, perfectly double and of a delightful sweet briar fragrance. This will be found most valuable for landscape work, as well as for cut flower purposes. I consider this the best plant of the set.

Universal Favorite—This is the most vigorous plant of the set. The long branching shoots are covered with dense bright green foliage. The double flowers are over two inches in diameter, and of a beautiful rose color, similar to the Bridesmaid and deliciously fragrant. A grand variety for any purpose.

Manda's Triumph—This grand Rose is of free growth, luxuriant foliage, and produces large clusters of double, pure white flowers, 2 inches in diameter, beautifully imbricated and well formed, very sweet scented.

Pink Roamer—Growth rampant, and the luxurious foliage partakes more of the Wichuriana. The single flowers, which are produced in close heads, are 1½ inches in diameter, bright rich pink, with almost a white center, producing an effect which, combined with fragrance, makes it one of the most valuable Roses in cultivation.

20c. each; 3 for 50c.; the 5 for 75c., or $1.50 per dozen.

SPECIAL OFFER—8 Fine Roses of the different classes for 80c; one each as follows: Everblooming Tea, Polyanthus, Hybrid Tea, Hybrid Perpetual, Trailing, Everblooming Climber, Hardy Climber and Moss. All for 80c.; our selection of kinds.

Hardy Climbing Roses.

Their beautiful foliage and profusion of bloom make them invaluable for small trellises, old walls, arbors, sides of buildings, trees, etc. Perfectly hardy anywhere, and rank, thrifty growers, reaching twenty feet.

Crimson Rambler—Originated in Scotland and is perfectly hardy; will grow 8 to 10 feet in a season, the flowers appearing in great panicles as large as a man's hat and of a deep, rich crimson color, like blood-colored velvet. The flowers, when cut, last two weeks in water, and fully a month on the bush, which is a perfect mass of rich crimson at all times. It can be grown in various ways, as a pillar rose, as a trellis rose, and for covering a wall it has no equal, and when pegged down it will form a bed of itself. Cut back it is a magnificent pot rose for the window.

Mary Washington (White Rambler)—This Rose was raised by George Washington over one hundred years ago in his garden at Mt. Vernon, and named after his mother. We introduced it a few years ago, our stock plants coming direct from Mt. Vernon from the original vine. Aside from the fact that this Rose was raised and named by George Washington, it is one of the most valuable sorts that has been introduced for many years. Its flowers are pure white, perfectly double to the very center, sweet, and borne in endless numbers all summer. It is a vigorous and rapid grower, and a most valuable Rose for outdoor culture. Its buds are as beautiful as the finest Tea-Rose, borne in large clusters. One plant will produce more flowers than a dozen Tea Roses. Its fragrance is tinged with the old-fashioned musky flavor so much admired in olden times. It will commence blooming immediately after planting, and the smallest plant will produce hundreds and even thousands of flowers the first year.

Yellow Rambler—A new hardy yellow climbing Rose, blooming after the same manner as Crimson Rambler in large clusters; flowers of medium size, often 35 to 40 flowers in a single cluster; very sweet scented. Color a clear, decided yellow, a color heretofore unknown in a hardy climbing Rose. It is a rampant grower, well established plant, often making a growth of from 10 to 12 feet in a single season.

Baltimore Belle—Fragrant, pale blush; blooms in endless profusion.

Tennessee Belle—Large full flowers of rosy blush.

Seven Sisters—Large clusters of Roses, shaded from white to crimson, no two alike in cluster. Very odd and fine.

Queen of the Prairie—A distinct Rose, with deeply sunken center making a cup-shaped flower of much beauty.

Price, 20c. each; any 3 for 50c.; the 7 for $1.00, or $1.50 per dozen.

Moss Roses.

The Moss Rose is the acknowledged queen of all Roses. The moss-covered stems and buds show off the delicate loveliness of the blossoms to great advantage. They are perfectly hardy in any location.

Blanch Moreau—Perpetual. Pure white.

Princess Adelaide—Lovely bright pink.

Countess Murinais—Large pure white.

Henry Martin—Fine clear rose.

W. N. Cranston—Bright crimson-scarlet.

Crimson Globe—Dark carmine-red, very large and full.

20c. each; the 6 for $1.00.

New Grapes.

Everyone who has a bare fence, wall or outbuilding, or a few feet of vacant ground, can plant a few Grape vines and reap an annual harvest of luscious fruit. Owners of country places, or even of city lots, need never be without an abundant supply of Grapes in season. There is no fruit that yields a more prompt or generous return. Everybody can grow it, and everybody should have it in abundance. The following sorts are the very cream of the hundreds of varieties which are before the public; they are mostly varieties of recent introduction and of improved quality.

Nectar or Black Delaware—The Nectar has more good qualities for the home garden than any other variety we know, of recent introduction. Being so remarkably free from mildew and rot, it is not easily affected by unfavorable climate conditions. It ripens with Moore's Early and can be left hanging to the vine till frozen without its quality being in the least impaired—in fact improves every day. A good strong grower and large annual cropper. The fruit is black with heavy blue bloom-quality the very best, pulp tender and skin tough and will hang a long time after gathering without dropping from the bunch. Berries larger than Delaware, but with the same unsurpassed flavor. No Grape will give greater satisfaction in all parts of the country.

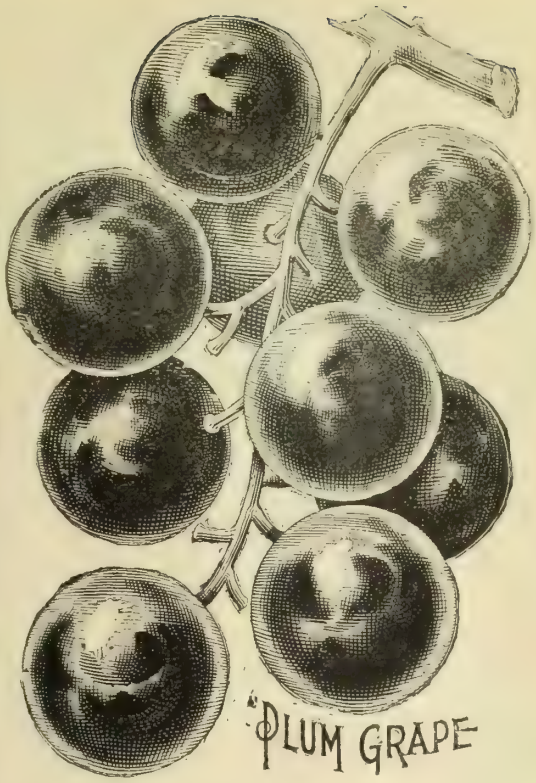
Campbell's Early—Points of special merit in Campbell's Early Grape are: A very strong, vigorous, hardy vine, with thick, healthy, mildew-resisting foliage, and perfect self-fertilizing blossoms; always setting its fruit well, and bearing abundantly. Clusters very large, usually shouldered, compact and handsome, without being unduly crowded. Berries large, nearly round, often an inch or more in diameter; black with light purple bloom; skin thin but very tenacious, bearing handling and shipping admirably. Flavor rich, sweet, slightly vinous; pure with no foxiness, coarseness or unpleasant acidity from the skin to the center. Flesh rather firm but tender and of equal consistency, parting easily from its few and small seeds. As more than one-third of the people do not and will not swallow grape seeds, we consider this a strong point in flavor. Its season is very early; often showing color late in July, and ripening, in Ohio, according to the season, from the fifteenth of August. It has very remarkable keeping qualities. Has hung upon the vines this fall sound and perfect, for six weeks or more after ripening, with no tendency to shell off or fall from the stems.

August Queen—(New)—This magnificent new variety is the earliest of all white grapes, ripening towards the end of August. It is of most luscious quality, tender, sweet and melting, and a remarkably strong, vigorous healthy vine. A great cropper.

McPike—This mammoth production, which we examined, together with its grand leaf, was originated by H. G. McPike, in Ill. He has been seeking, if possible, to find a better grape from every point than the Concord; one that would be wholly reliable and furnish annually untold tons of superior fruit. He has worked with the Alton Agricultural Society for thirty years with this object particularly in view. Now it is accomplished, the grape is here. The general character of the Concord is given to its seedlings, the "Worden," with its extra hardiness, good leaf, increased quality of blue-black fruit and bloom upon the berry. This is the first step forward. The McPike is a seedling of the Worden, and partakes of all the good qualities of these two grapes to a marked degree. Perfectly hardy, with a leaf unprecedented; it is earlier than the Concord, bunches large, even and compact; berries even in size, covered with a beautiful bloom, blue-black in color; ripens uniformly and has generally the appearance of the Worden. The berries are of mammoth size, being three inches in circumference and of superb quality, by far the best grape grown.

Lucile—A purely native variety, and apparently a seedling of the Wyoming Red, with which it has much in common—as color, quality, season, health, hardiness and appearance of leaf and wood; but the vine grows to twice the the size of Wyoming Red, and yields triple the fruit in both size and quantity. The Lucile ripens early, between Moore's Early and Worden, and is of a beautiful bright red color; large and compact as Worden and of nearly the same shape. Its skin is thin but tough, and is therefore a good shipper. It never droops its berries; is sweet, though not equal to the Brighton or Delaware in quality, yet better than Moore's Early. Its flesh and flavor is very much like that of Wyoming Red. The Lucile is a most vigorous grower and enormous bearer, equal to the Niagara in this respect. But it ripens up all its wood to the tips under a load of fruit. It has never been known to winter-kill, and is probably as hardy as any variety in America. It has never been attacked by the downy mildew or any other disease. The Lucile is exceedingly productive and will, one season with another, yield as many tons to the acre as either the Concord, Worden or Niagara. We recommend it for both amateur and market culture. The Lucile is a grand good grape for the extreme North, where early, extra hardy varieties are needed and appreciated.

Price of these 5 grand new Grapes, 40c. each. One of each for $1.50; 3 of each for $4.00.



Plum Grape.

This is new, offered for the first time. Its great point of merit is its enormous size. Largest grape grown. The berries are so large that they look more like plums than like grapes. So large that only 6 to 12 are borne in a cluster. Color red, quality good. Fine, vigorous grower. $1.00 each.

Five Grand Grapes.

These are all of quite recent introduction and are superb in every sense of the word. Among them are black, white and red varieties.

Early Ohio—This is the earliest of all Garpes; originated at Euclid, Ohio, in 1882. It has borne large crops every year since, ripening in 1889 the 15th of August, and always as early as the 20th of the month, fully one week to ten days earlier than Moore's Early. It is fully three times as productive as Moore's Early, better in quality, and never drops from the stem, a fact that shippers will fully appreciate. On account of its earliness the fruit is readily sold in the market at 10 to 15 cents per pound at wholesale. Testimonials received from all parts of the country corroborate the foregoing in every detail.

Moore's Diamond—This is probably the finest of all white Grapes. The vine is hardy and healthy in growth, vigorous, and perfectly free from mildew. Berries large, of a beautiful light straw color—almost white—and of a most delicious quality, having few seeds and a pulp which melts in one's mouth like snow.

Moyer—An extra early Grape, about the size and color of the old Delaware, but with a larger bunch. It is, perhaps, sweeter and more delicious than any other Grape grown; in this respect being superior to the Delaware. It has beautiful red berries, which are very handsome, and the vine is a hardy, robust grower vigorous and productive. Originated in Canada.

Niagara—No Grape has been so largely advertised as this, and none so extensively planted during the first few years, and, we may say, none has proved more profitable. It is the leading white Grape of the day. Berries very large, borne in large bunches. Flavor sweet and delicious, there being but few varieties which can equal it. It is exceedingly productive, and as hardy and robust in any locality as the Concord.

Golden Pocklington—A very sweet and delicious Grape of a beautiful amber color. Hardy, vigorous and productive. A magnificent sort.

Price, 15c. each; $1.25 per dozen. 1 each of the 5 sorts for 60c.; 3 each for $1.50.

FINE NEW GRAPES.

HARDY PERENNIAL PLANTS.

The earth wears a crown of Floral Beauties, and among the brightest, richest and sweetest are the Hardy Perennials. They fill a place in our gardens, and in our hearts, which nothing else can supply. Like Flowering Shrubs, when once planted they are good for a life-time, and we come to regard them as a part, not only of our home, but our very existence. What would induce us to part with the grand old clumps of Pæonies, Lilies, Iris, etc., which have stood along the path in our front yard so long, and greeted us year after year with such cheery brightness and beauty? They have cheered us through many vicissitudes and dark hours of life. They were loved by dear ones whose voices we hear no more; their blooming calls to our minds dear associations, happy days and happy faces which Time, the great Destroyer, has stolen from us. Yes, let us enrich our borders and walks, with these dear flowers, which will be our friends for evermore.

Apios Tuberosa, or Tuberous-Rooted Wistaria.

A valuable hardy tuberous-rooted climber, closely resembling the common Wistaria in vine and foliage and having clusters of rich, deep purple flowers, which have a strong, delicious violet fragrance. Plant the bulb near a trellis, tree, fence, or any place where you may wish a climber. They grow to a great height, and bloom profusely. The bulbs are perfectly hardy, and should not be taken up over winter. It is sure to give great satisfaction. If possible, plant two or three bulbs near together, to produce a greater mass of vines and flowers.

Price, 10c. each; 3 for 20c.; 7 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

Achillea Grandiflora.

A most useful and beautiful hardy perennial plant which furnishes a profusion of the choicest double white flowers all summer. It commences to bloom by the first of July and is a perfect mass of bloom until frost, as many as 5,000 flowers have been counted upon one plant at one time. Fowers pure white, perfectly double, and are produced in large sprays, and are unsurpassed for all sorts of cut-flower work, bouquets, etc. It is perfectly hardy anywhere, and so vigorous that it will take care of itself among weeds. For cemetery planting there is nothing finer, for it is sure to live, thrive and bloom profusely year after year. The plants we send out will bloom profusely this summer.

15c. each; 5 for 50c.

Pæonies.

The favorite of to-day, as it was fifty years ago. Luxurious foliaged plants, with magnificent, double incurved flowers of enormous size and rich colorings. Nothing can surpass the intensity of the dark varieties that fairly glow with a radiant fire of richness, while the white and pale varieties are very soft and delicate in their coloring.

New Giant—Like an enormous double Rose, of a blush, almost white color; a Pæony which grows 3 to 4 feet high, and bears flowers nearly as large as a man's hat, the flower is the same shape, fragrance, and exquisite satin-like pink color as Baroness Rothschild Rose. It is beautiful beyond description. Fine roots, 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Victor Lemoine—Large size—deep crimson. 30c. each.
Fragrans—Deep crimson-pink, double and very sweet. 20c.
Double White—Pure white, very scarce. 40c. each.
Humulis Single—Large, purple-rose; very early. 25c. each.

One each of the 5 sorts for $1.00.

Aster, Alpina.

One of the most charming hardy perennial plants we have ever seen. Its flowers are borne in profusion early in spring, and are the size of a large wild Daisy, about three inches across, composed of a double row of intensely blue petals, surrounding a golden yellow center. It is double the size of any other hardy Aster, and closely resembles a large Paris Daisy in shape and general appearance. Another important point is its extreme earliness, beginning to bloom usually in May. Price, 30c. each; 4 for $1.00.

Mosquito Catcher.

It grows one to two feet high and all summer, bearing a profusion of pretty, white, star-like-blossoms that secrete a viscid fluid that attracts mosquitoes, who probe it with their beak and are held captive. Interesting, beautiful and useful. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

Rudbeckia "Golden Glow."

A hardy perennial plant growing eight feet high, branching freely, and bearing by the hundreds, on long, graceful stems exquisite double blossoms of the brightest golden color and as large as Cactus Dahlias. The cut represents a plant in bloom, as photographed. Mr. William Falconer, the best authority on plants in this country, says of it: "The plant you gave me grew vigorously and threw up strong branching flower stems, six feet high, laden with sheaves of golden blossoms as large as fair Chrysanthemums, and all having an elegant, graceful appearance. Many eminent florists and amateurs have seen it and all admired it. As cut flowers the blossoms last well. I unhesitatingly regard it as the most desirable introduction among hardy perennials." It is the most effective flowering plant for August and September in cultivation. Strong plants, which will bloom freely this season. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.

Rudbeckia,

"GOLDEN TREASURE."

Offered last Spring for the first. Not so tall as Golden Glow, but equally handsome. Flowers of larger size, fine form, and borne on long, graceful stems. Color, brightest gold; the most æsthetic garden flower yet seen. Do not despise it because it is single. It is fully as handsome and effective as Golden Glow, but entirely different. We predict for it as great a popularity as the wonderful Golden Glow, which we introduced five years ago, and which is still a sensation among new flowers. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.

Compass Flower.—(*Sylphium*).

A splendid plant which each spring throws out from the crown root a mass of large handsome leaves, which make a highly ornamental tuft of foliage. From the center the flower stalks rise to the height of 6 to 7 feet, branching freely and symmetrically, producing flowers by the hundred. These are 5 inches across of rich deep yellow color and composed of three rows of broad petals. It is very effective and is in flower for fully two months. A grand ornament to any garden or lawn. New last year. Strong flowering plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Perennial Poppy, Fire Brand.

If there is a more gorgeous flower anywhere than the Perennial Poppy we fail to know it. The most indifferent observer stands spell-bound in the presence of its magnificent fire-like scarlet flowers with their silken texture and foil-like heart of innumerable purple-black stamens. Each bloom is as large as a saucer, and sits perched like a bird on the end of a swaying, hairy, slender stem, high above the deeply-incised and handsome foliage. Many consider it the most showy flower that blooms. A grand plant to light up dark corners and dull shrubbery. Do not disturb them after planted as they dislike removal. Fine plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Calystegia Pubescens.

A fine double perennial Morning Glory. A hardy perennial vine, coming from the roots each spring, and bearing quantities of pale satiny-pink flowers, as full and double as Roses. Just the vine for rockeries, banks, poor, hard soil, where nothing else will grow, or a hundred other places, where a really handsome trailing or climbing vine is needed that is able to take care of itself. The vines we send out will bloom the first season and continue all summer. Its long vines wreathed in a profusion of large, double, Rose-like blossoms are very attractive. 15c. each; 3 for 40c.

Show Bed of New Iris Kaempferi.

Double Iris Kæmpferi.

These new Iris from Japan rival the Lily in stateliness, the Pæony in majestic beauty, the Orchid in marvelous delicacy and blending of colors, the Chrysanthemum in profusion, and surpasses almost every plant in size and kingly magnificence of its flowers. Think of a plant sending up to the height of three feet a dozen flower spikes, each spike bearing from two to four enormous blossoms eight to ten inches across and of the most delicate and beautiful colors, markings, and combinations. Think of a bed of all colors, white, indigo, violet, lavender, mauve, sky-blue, royal purple, blush, yellow, etc. Your imagination can conceive of nothing grander, and when you see them you will realize that they are infinitely more grand and beautiful than your imagination could portray. Such are these new Double Iris Kæmpferi, the king of hardy perennial plants. Once planted in your garden they are a joy for a lifetime without further care, blooming profusely in June and July, during which time they are the greatest attraction your garden can contain. Received highest award at the World's Fair.

Blue Jay—Large flowers; fine azure blue freely mottled.
Eclair—Lovely pure white. Extra large and fine.
Mahogany—Very large flower, deep mahogany red.
Cold Bound—Tall and showy, with flowers of enormous size, probably the most beautiful of all. Pure snow-white, with large gold-banded center.
Beth Hallock—Delicate lavender freely suffused with white; dwarf habit.
New York—Fine blush purple. Mottled.
Mt. Hood—Light blue, shaded darker. Bright orange center.
Pyramid—Tall and showy, flower very large; light violet-blue with slight white veins.
P. C. de Rohan—Purplish blue, shaded violet and red.
Robert Craig—Tall and very large; French white, shaded with violet toward center; extra fine.

Price 15c. each; any 3 for 40c.; the 10 for $1.00; or $1.00 per doz.

Double Mixed—40 Fine sorts, 7 for 50c.; 15 for $1.00.

FOUR ELEGANT NEW SORTS.

These four new Iris Kæmpferi are grand.

Mrs. C. T. Saxton—Pure white, enormous size and triple extra double. The finest double variety.
Senator Lexow—Enormous flower like Shadow, but much larger; great wavy petals a foot across. Indigo blue.
Spotted Beauty—Large size, very double; silky white freely and finely spotted with violet-crimson.
Pres. McKinley—Lovely sky-blue, center of petals white grading into blue with fine mottlings. Underside silver white bordered blue.

25c. each; the 4 for 85c.

NEW SEEDLINGS.

Fine seedlings of Iris Kæmpferi, which present a wide range of beautiful colors and large sized flowers, some double and some single. They are perfectly magnificent. 75c. per dozen.

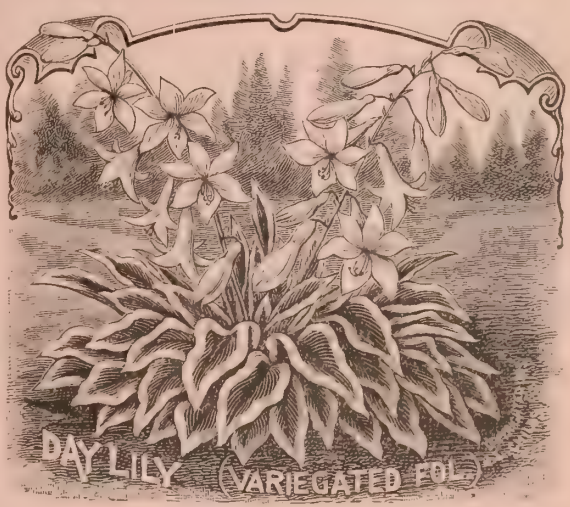
IRIS SEED—We can supply fine seed of these beautiful Iris Kæmpferi, mixed, at 10c. per pkt.

German Iris.

Another good old flower, as handsome as an orchid, now to be found in many new colors. A striking flower of crepe-like texture and most exquisite coloring, the gauzy veining reminding one of the delicate tracings of the butterfly's wing. We grow acres of Iris, and know you can find no finer list of varieties than the one here presented. They bloom in May and June, when there is a dearth of really fine flowers, and are out of bloom before Iris Kæmpferi commences.

Fine Mixed Sorts—A lovely collection of colors, 6 for 40c.; 12 for 75c.

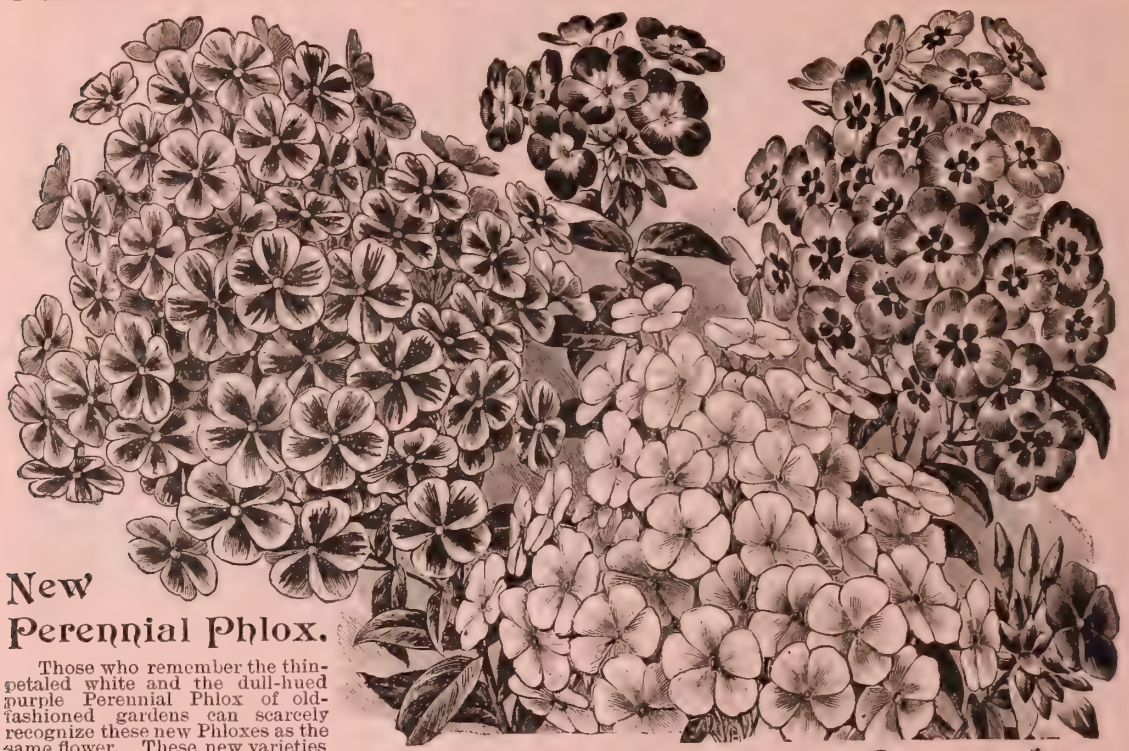
Named Sorts—A collection of 10 sorts, named, for 75c.



Day Lilies—(*Funkias*).

Large White—Pure in color as the driven snow, as smooth in texture as though cut from sheeted wax, all its snowy trumpets exhaling sweet fragrance, no sweeter, lovelier or more perfect flower can be grown. Perfectly hardy, and easy to grow. Blooms continuously from August until frost, producing scores and even hundreds of its large Lilies. Handsome light green foliage. 30c. each.

Variegated Leaved—Leaves as handsome as a flower. A rosette-cluster of almost white leaves, lightly striped with green and yellow. Flowers pretty pale lilac-blue on tall spikes. Fine also for pots. Altogether this is one of the very finest of all hardy plants. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



New Perennial Phlox.

Those who remember the thin-petaled white and the dull-hued purple Perennial Phlox of old-fashioned gardens can scarcely recognize these new Phloxes as the same flower. These new varieties are in bloom from June until frost, and the individual florets are twice the size of the old time Phlox, and the shades of color the brightest, richest and clearest. There are no finer or more useful perennials than the Perennial Phloxes, or which will give more complete satisfaction. The varieties we offer are new and fine and the plants we send out will bloom magnificently the coming summer. They are cheap and we hope that all our customers will plant them.

Athelis—A beautiful rosy scarlet, tinged with salmon. Very bright and showy.
Snow Cloud—White, suffused with purple. Extra fine.
Charlotte Saisson—White, suffused with pink, deepening toward the center to bright vermillion.
Lasoliel—Enormous flower and truss, individual flowers being 1½ inches across. Color, light crimson tinged with lilac and shaded lighter towards the center.
Diplomat—Beautiful light lilac with crimson eye. Very large flower and truss.
Eclaire—Deep, bright purplish crimson. Extra large.
Master Clarence Hulse—Pure white. Flowers and truss of very large size and exceedingly beautiful.
Sylvester Hulse—Beautiful lilac-rose.
Miss Hattie Hulse—Pure white with beautiful pink eye.
Morty Hulse—Beautiful rose-lilac, marbled with white, flowers large and of beautiful form.
Pluton—Deep wine red; splendid. New.
Mad. Reudatier—Fine lilac, bordered and flaked white.
Pyramidal White—A plant of sturdy, compact growth, bearing enormous pyramidal panicles of great snow-white blossoms.
Pyramidal Crimson—Like the above, with same great blossoms, but of a bright crimson color. The two sorts contrast finely. They bloom all summer long and are equal to Hydrangeas in majestic beauty.
Phlox Subulata—One of the finest of low, turfy-growing plants, for carpeting under trees, around rock-work, edging beds, etc. Early in spring is very showy with its cloud of bright pink blossoms. We do not understand why this is not more widely grown, for it is perfectly hardy and once planted will take care of itself.

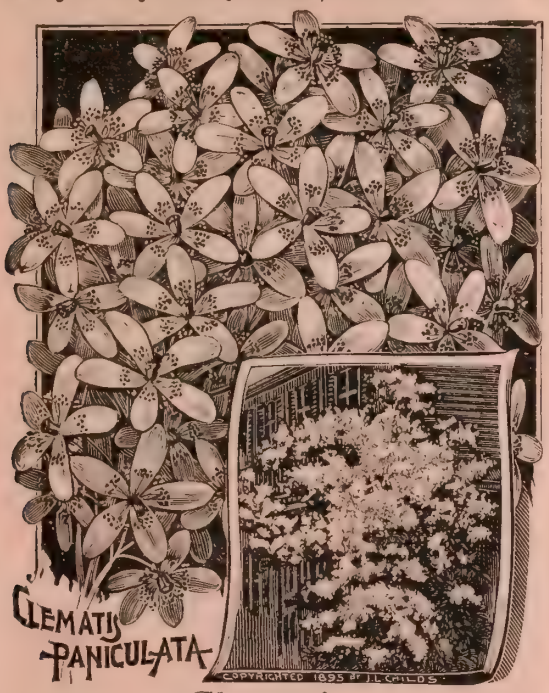
15c. each; any 5 for 50c.; or $1.00 per dozen. The 15 for $1.25.

Candytuft, Hardy.

A plant of exquisite beauty, being of low, compact, spreading growth, and producing its profusion of blooms in May or June, when pure white flowers are particularly scarce. Its profusion of bloom is so great that a bed of it looks at a little distance like a mass of fleecy snow just fallen. Few hardy plants will give as much real satisfaction as will this beautiful gem. Lifted late in the fall, it will bloom well in the house during winter. Perfectly hardy and foliage evergreen. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.

HARDY FLOWERING VINES.

ON this page we offer the best Hardy Flowering Vines—such as may be planted in the ground for screening porches, windows, summer houses, etc., and which are perfectly hardy in any State, and sure to flourish and increase in size and beauty each year.



Clematis.

The finest vine in existence for small trellises or piazza pillars. Used also to cover rock work, mounds, stumps, etc., or can be used as a low trailer, pegging its shoots down to the ground. Foliage neat, habit graceful, and for a month a solid sheet of bloom, the large, starry flowers actually hiding the foliage. The flowers are from 4 to 9 inches across, extremely showy. All of these are perfectly hardy.

Ramona—A strong, rampant grower, fully three times as strong as Jackmanni, often growing ten feet the first season. It is a perpetual bloomer, flowers appearing both in the old and the new wood, giving an abundance of blossoms all through the season. In color a fine deep sky-blue, lovely and distinct from any other. In size the flowers surpass anything we have ever seen. 60c.

Henryi—This is the finest of all white Clematis, and should find a place in every collection. It is not only a vigorous grower, but is a remarkably free and continuous bloomer, beginning with the earliest and holding on with the latest. Flowers large, of a beautiful creamy white. 60c.

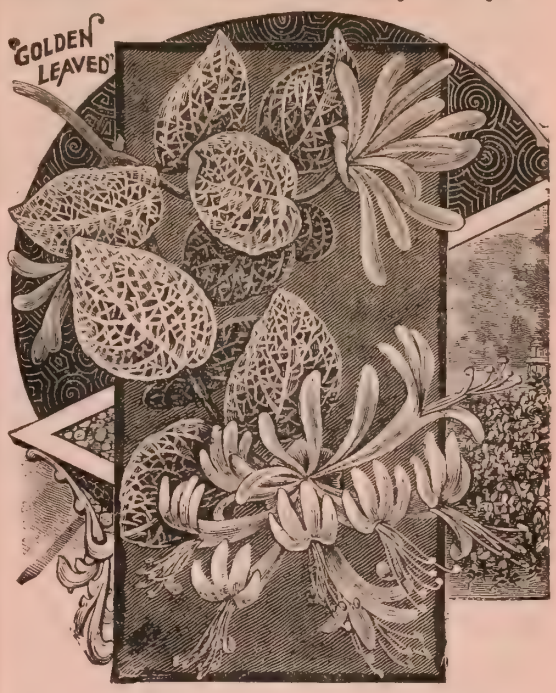
Jackmanni—This is perhaps the best known of the fine perpetual Clematis, and should have credit for the great popularity now attending this family of beautiful climbers. The plant is free in its form of growth, and an abundant and successful bloomer, producing flowers until frozen up. The flowers are large and of an intense violet-purple, remarkable for its velvety richness. 50c.

Md. Edward Andre—As large and free as Jackmanni, but its color is novel and distinct, being a fine dull crimson or red. The only variety of the red shades among large-flowered Clematis. 60c.

Paniculata—Clean, thrifty, robust growing vine, of graceful habit, with attractive glossy foliage, and covered in August and September with a sheet of clustered snow-white bloom of the most delicious fragrance. No other vine so completely covers itselves with flowers. An arbor or portico over which this Clematis is trained is a wall of white for the time being, and what makes it the more striking is that nearly all other vines have ceased blooming at that time. The panicles of bloom are very pretty for cutting, the star-like florets, with their feathery stamens, appear to fine advantage. 25c. each; 3 for 60c.

Coccinea—A lovely sort, producing an abundance of handsome vine and a great profusion of large rosy-scarlet, bell-shaped flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and useful for all sorts of decoration. It blooms all summer long. Fine plants for blooming at once. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Crispa—Much like Coccinea, except its color is a fine blue tipped with white. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.



Honeysuckles.

The dear old Honeysuckle is never out of place, at the rich man's mansion or the poor man's cottage. For a cheap, hardy, robust, yet lovely vine, it is the chief standby. Flowers exceedingly beautiful and very fragrant.

Fuschia-Flowered—Large clusters of long, trumpet-shaped flowers that droop like a Fuchsia; brilliant coral-red.

Golden-Leaved—Marvelously effective. It bears innumerable sprays of the most perfect little leaves that are covered with a net-work of gold and green, often marked with pink also. The gold deepens at the tip of the sprays and there is nothing finer to combine with corsage bouquets, while for trimming floral baskets they are the finest things we know of. A strong grower, with white blooms. A unique vine.

Halliana—The best white monthly Honeysuckle, with dark green foliage, which keeps fresh and green nearly all winter, and beautiful clusters of the sweetest-scented flowers that open a snowy white and turn a pale yellow. These flowers are produced in profusion from early spring to late fall. A fine vine for a trellis, or veranda.

15c. each; the 3 for 40c.; $1.50 per dozen.

Ampelopsis Veitchi.

The fashionable wall climber of the day. Clings tightly by suckers thrown out along the stem, to rock, brick, etc., and is a wall of living green the summer through, turning in autumn to a flaming crimson, when it is fairly gorgeous. It stands the dust and dry air of cities admirably. Nothing else can take its place. 15c. each; 5 for 50c.; 12 for $1.00.

Wistaria.

A favorite vine that will grow twenty-five feet in a single season. Just the thing for second-story verandas, or as a tree climber, or to train against a high wall. In early spring is covered with great massive clusters, sometimes two feet long, of lovely pea-shaped flowers.

Alba—A mass of white flowers in spring, the clusters of bloom reaching two feet in length. 75c. each.

Sinensis Magnifica—Fine large clusters of lovely blue flowers produced in great masses. 20c. each; 3 for 50c.

Rose, Crimson Rambler.

Finest of all hardy climbing Roses. Strong two-year old field grown plants, 40c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Hardy Ornamental Flowering Shrubs.

Nothing can take the place of Shrubbery for the lawn, for hedges and specimen clumps. Shrubs thrive in any situation, are beautiful all summer, producing some of the choicest out-door blossoms. The list here offered is a select one, including only the very finest and most desirable sorts, mostly new and very rare and choice.

Azalea Mollis—(HARDY)—Among the rarest and choicest of all garden flowers. Great flaming masses of bloom are produced by these new Hardy Azaleas, making a show the glory of which one cannot describe. Suffice it to say that the blossoms are often larger than the hot-house Azaleas, and more brilliant and fiery in colors, scarlet, red, orange, yellow, pink, etc., often flamed and variegated in a lovely manner. Perfectly hardy anywhere in the U. S. and the most brilliant flowering shrub known.

Azalea Amonea—A lovely hardy evergreen Azalea with beautiful foliage, and fine compact bushy growth. In May or June the plants are densely covered with rich violet-red blossoms, which are exceedingly showy. Every leaf and every twig is hidden by the enormous quantity of flowers produced.

Althea—A fine tall-growing shrub, that once planted is good for a lifetime. Blooms when but a slip of a plant, but eventually reaches the size of a small tree. Always a symmetrical, upright grower, well clothed with a dark green foliage, and bears every year, without fail, a profusion of large, showy double flowers that closely resemble Hollyhocks in shape and colors, but often larger in size. They bloom from midsummer until frost, at a time when few other shrubs are in bloom. Fine for cemetery planting or grouping upon the lawn. In Europe this is the most popular of all flowering shrubs.

Calycanthus Florida—The "Sweet Shrub" so long a favorite in gardens. The purplish flowers have an exquisite pineapple fragrance of which one never tires, and a spray of them will perfume a whole room. Cannot be omitted from any lawn or garden.

Deutzia Lemoinei—This is the greatest recent novelty in flowering shrubs. It makes a low compact bush which in June is loaded down with large, round, snowball-like clusters of pure white flowers. We know of nothing more beautiful for the garden, yet it has the added merit of being a grand pot plant for winter blooming. It is not too large for a pot and blooms very finely at any time during winter. It is becoming very popular in France for Easter.

Deutzia Corymbiflora—This splendid novelty is offered now for the first time. Like the above it is perfectly hardy in the garden, yet fine as a pot shrub for winter blooming. Flowers pure white, but very large like Azalea Amoena. Plant has a charming drooping or weeping habit. It is perfectly magnificent.

Clematis Davidiana—(BUSH CLEMATIS)—This is a lovely species of Clematis, growing in bush form three or four feet high, and yielding through the summer great panicles of lovely blue flowers, which are exceedingly handsome and very fragrant. The foliage is large and luxuriant, and the plant is, all in all, one of exceptional beauty. It is perfectly hardy in any locality.

Hydrangea Paniculata—Generally considered the most valuable and ornamental shrub in existence. Bushy and robust, every branch tipped in midsummer with an immense close panicle of flat, snow-white flowers of gigantic size. The trusses of bloom are ten to twelve inches long and nearly as thick through, and last for two or three months, turning pinkish toward the last. No other shrub makes such a show on the lawn or is so universally admired. Grand for cemetery use, and always blooms finely the first summer.

Fern Leaf Tree—A beautiful tree of a low, shrubby growth, making a superb large foliage shrub. Its leaves are like beautiful fern fronds, so finely laciniated and graceful, often two feet in length by ten inches in width. Color very dark green, while the stems are dark ebony-red. It also bears large bunches of red berries, and in autumn the leaves color very brightly at the touch of frost. It is one of the very finest shrubs in cultivation. As a specimen shrub or small tree for the lawn it is grand.

Daphne Cneorum—A hardy shrub which trails over the ground in a most beautiful manner. Extra fine for any position, and being evergreen it is the most desirable plant we know for cemeteries. The plant is composed of spiral branches of dense evergreen leaves. The flowers are a lovely pink color, in clusters, and are borne profusely in early spring, and more or less during the entire summer and fall. The delicate beauty of the blossoms is great, but their fragrance is marvelous.

Sweet Pea Shrub—The shrub of shrubs for bouquet makers. When in bloom it is really a big bouquet itself, so full is it of dainty sprays of large, lovely rose-pink blooms, to which the graceful pinnate foliage is an admirable background. Very hardy and robust, and commences to bloom when but a foot high. Its glorious flowers are borne in clusters and are the size and shape of the most lovely Sweet Peas, but their color is more beautiful.

Spirea, Anthony Waterer—A perpetual bloomer, and suitable either for garden or pots. It is of a dwarf habit, flowering profusely when only a few inches in height, and at all times and seasons. The flowers are of a lovely pink color, borne in dense clusters, and have a peculiar feathery appearance, which is extremely beautiful.

Syringa, Double—A double flowered form of the lovely old fragrant Syringa. Blossoms snow-white, double like roses, very fragrant and borne in profusion.

Syringa, Golden-Leaved—The finest of all the Mock Oranges. Flowers like Orange blossoms, borne in elegant sprays and great profusion, while its fragrance is unsurpassed. The foliage instead of being green is a most elegant golden-yellow, which makes the bush as ornamental as most of the best foliage plants. Decidedly one of the most magnificent of all shrubs.

Weigelia, Eva Rathke—A grand New Everblooming Weigelia. Producing great quantites of bloom all the season, in magnificent clusters on the terminal branches. Color, deep, rich blood red, the finest color yet seen among Weigelias. A really valuable novelty.

PRICE.—*All Shrubs, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00; the 16 for $2.00; or $1.50 per dozen.*

Extra large specimens by express (too large to mail), 30c. each; $2.50 per dozen; the 16 for $3.00.

CHOICE AND RARE FRUITS.

The Fruit Garden is an indispensable part of any rural home. It is a delight, a satisfaction, a convenience, a profit, and a source of the most healthful and delicious food supply any family can have. Beginning with the Strawberry in May, the supply is never exhausted until the last winter Apples have gone. Juneberries, Cherries, Raspberries, Wineberries, Currants, Blackberries, Plums, Peaches, Pears, Grapes, etc., follow successively. They save expense, are luscious and convenient, and any place well stocked with fruits always finds a ready sale at a good price; they enhance its value often many times in excess of its cost.

No. 130.

STATE OF NEW YORK,
Department of Agriculture.

Certificate of Inspection of Nursery Stock.

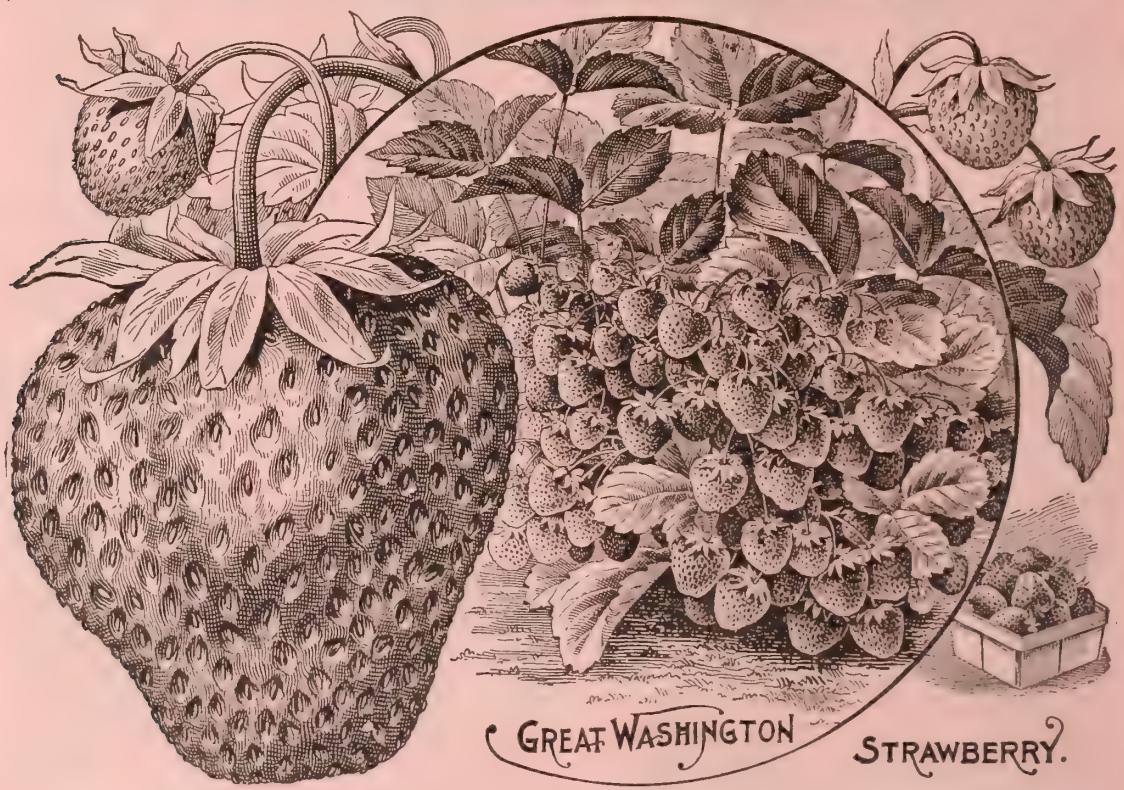
This is to certify that the stock in the nursery of John Lewis Childs, of Floral Park, County of Nassau, State of New York, was duly examined in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 432 of the Laws of 1898, and it was found to be apparently free in all respects from any contagious or infectious plant disease or diseases, or the San Jose scale, or other dangerously injurious insect pest or pests.

Dated August, 4 1900. Albany, N.Y.

C. A. WIETING,
Commissioner of Agriculture

We have for years made a specialty of Choice Fruit Novelties, and have introduced nearly all the leading sorts for ten years past. The variety here offered are all of recent introduction, and each and every one possesses great merit. The trees here offered are young and thrifty and will make a very rapid growth and bear quickly. When fruit trees or shrubs are received before they can be planted, they may be safely kept for any length of time by having the roots packed in boxes of moist soil and stored in a cool cellar or shed. It is important to order fruit early, that they may be planted out before the foliage starts.

At prices named, we send strong, robust young stock by mail, postpaid; but by express we can send much larger trees, especially Peaches, Apples, Plums, etc. Strawberries, Raspberries, Dewberries, Grapes, etc., are of course as well sent by mail as by express, as far as size is concerned. Our fruit stock is all vigorous and healthy, and whether you have it sent by mail or express, it will be sure to please you by its rapid and vigorous growth and early bearing.



GREAT WASHINGTON STRAWBERRY.

Choice Strawberries.

Of all fruits known to cultivation, the strawberry is conceded to be the most luscious, and is a universal favorite; yet it is not grown by one-half the people who might grow it just as well as not. It is but a few hours' work to plant a Strawberry bed and care for it during the year, and no work can possibly yield a better return. Strawberries bought in the market are not to be compared with the luscious ruby beauties, fresh and ripe, from the vines. The following are the very best varieties in cultivation—the cream of all—including extra early, medium and late sorts:

Great Washington—The real giant among big Strawberries. This improved new sort originated in the State of Washington Samples, which we received in February were potted, and bore fine fruit in April. Several hundred plants planted out in April fruited fairly well, though no fruit was expected the first season. The berry is not only the very largest and handsomest in cultivation, but by all odds the best flavor. It is also a great cropper and vines are extremely healthy and vigorous, a merit not possessed by any other very large sort. What more need be said. It is certainly one of the grandest Strawberries ever introduced. 60c. per doz; $2.00 per 100; $15.00 per 1,000.

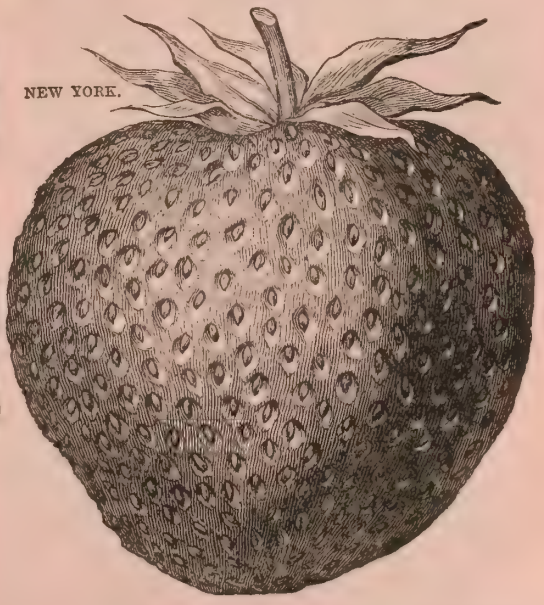
The Strawberries we offer are all perfect flowered, and the finest varieties yet introduced.

Johnson's Early—There is but little doubt that this is the most valuable early berry ever offered. Mr. L. Shanley Davis, of New York, makes a specialty of handling the finest fruits and berries grown, and he says that Johnson's Early is the finest early berry he has had in the store. It is a seedling of Hoffman and Crescent. In size this berry is large, deep red in color, glossy, firm, sweet and of excellent flavor. In point of yield it is as productive as Crescent. It ripens with Mitchel's Early and is therefore as early as any, and the earliest by a week of any large-sized sweet and high-flavored berry. Soon after blooming the stem curves and the fruit turns down, thus getting the protection of the cap. The plant is perfectly healthy and absolutely rust proof. 60c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100; $12.00 per 1,000.

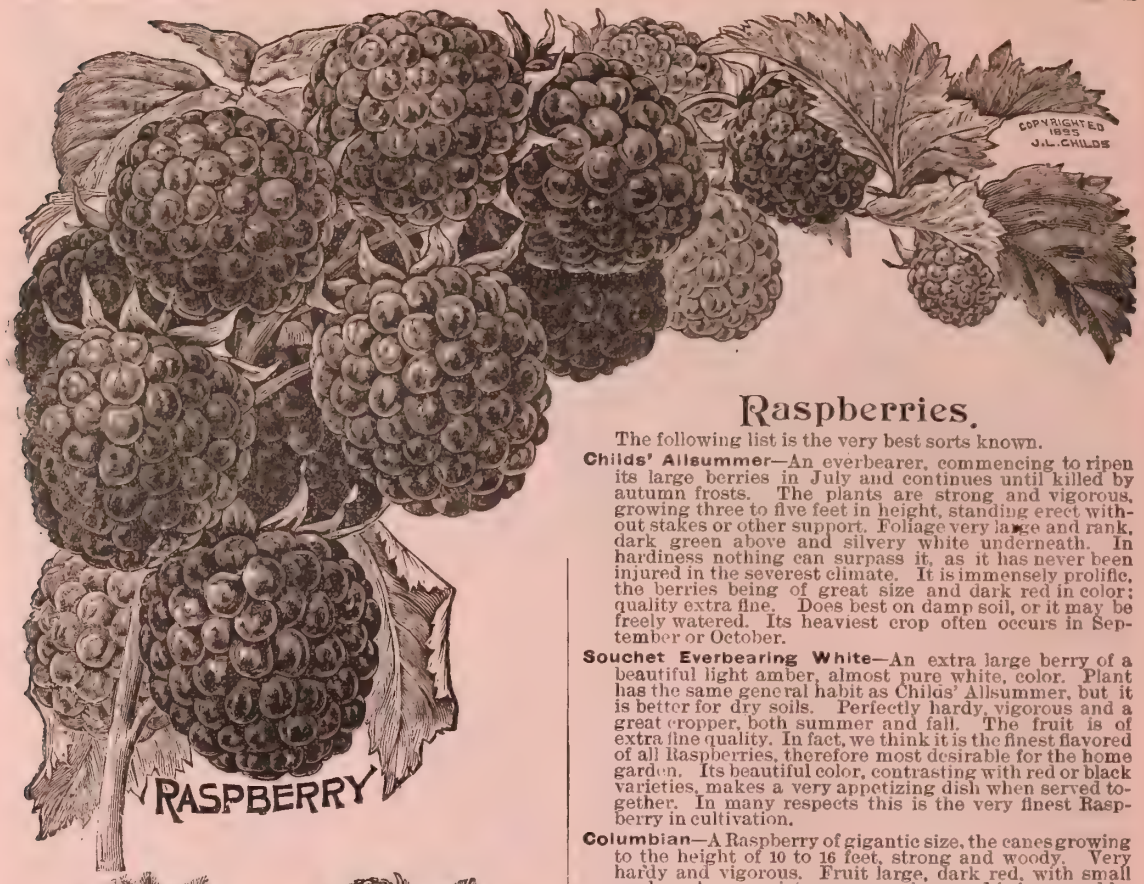
New York—After fruiting the berry another year we find it still in the lead for large size, productiveness and health and vigor of plant. As fruited here the berries are large to very large, season of ripening medium; color dark scarlet, changing to crimson when fully ripe; colors all over at once, no green sides or green tips. When the berry commences to ripen on one side you will find it in the same stage of ripening all over. The quality is good. In growth of plant it is very large and stalky, and for health and vigor of plant we have yet to see one that would surpass it. 60c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100; $15.00 per 1,000.

Echo—The great table berry. It has the highest and richest flavor of all Strawberries. A very productive variety. Mid-season. Fruit large. Every fruit grower should have it in his garden. When you have fruited it you will never do without it. We have grown and fruited it two years and it appears to us to be the FINEST BERRY YET INTRODUCED. It certainly has no equal in rich, sweet flavor, at the same time being very large and handsome. 60c. per doz.; $2.00 per 100; $12.00 per 1,000.

Gibson—A berry that will excel all mid-season berries that have been introduced. It originated at Marlboro, N. Y., and has never been grown for market by anyone except originator. It has all of the qualities of a money maker:—1st, It has aperfect blossom. 2nd, It is a good, trong grower. 3rd, It is very productive of large, round, firm, uniform and good colored fruit. 4th, Its shipping quality is its greatest merit, as is shown by following sales from originator's book: In the spring of 1899, we experienced in this locality the most severe drought known to the oldest inhabitants, but notwithstanding this the Gibson produced a fair crop and for the season the average price for the Gibson was over 13c. per qt., *an average greater than the highest price for any other variety.* 50c. per doz.; $1,50 per 100; $10.00 per 1,000.



***SPECIAL OFFER**—6 plants each of all 8 fine Strawberries for $2.00. 12 plants each for $3.50, or 100 plants each for $10.00*



Raspberries.

The following list is the very best sorts known.

Childs' Allsummer—An everbearer, commencing to ripen its large berries in July and continues until killed by autumn frosts. The plants are strong and vigorous, growing three to five feet in height, standing erect without stakes or other support. Foliage very large and rank, dark green above and silvery white underneath. In hardiness nothing can surpass it, as it has never been injured in the severest climate. It is immensely prolific, the berries being of great size and dark red in color; quality extra fine. Does best on damp soil, or it may be freely watered. Its heaviest crop often occurs in September or October.

Souchet Everbearing White—An extra large berry of a beautiful light amber, almost pure white, color. Plant has the same general habit as Childs' Allsummer, but it is better for dry soils. Perfectly hardy, vigorous and a great cropper, both summer and fall. The fruit is of extra fine quality. In fact, we think it is the finest flavored of all Raspberries, therefore most desirable for the home garden. Its beautiful color, contrasting with red or black varieties, makes a very appetizing dish when served together. In many respects this is the very finest Raspberry in cultivation.

Columbian—A Raspberry of gigantic size, the canes growing to the height of 10 to 16 feet, strong and woody. Very hardy and vigorous. Fruit large, dark red, with small seeds. A cap variety, never suckers and is increased by tips.

Cuthbert—A very large, red variety, of superb quality. It is an enormous yielder, and grows freely in any situation. It will adapt itself to any wild or out of the way place and make a splendid wild berry, if one has not the time to give it culture.

Golden Queen—This is a sport from the Cuthbert, and is exactly like that excellent berry in all respects, except that its color, when ripe, is a fine, rich golden yellow. It is of high quality.

Kansas—The King of all Black Cap berries. Medium early, large size, great productiveness, excellent quality and perfect hardiness, make it superior to any other variety.

Golden Climber—A climbing Raspberry is a novelty of more than ordinary importance, and one that is sure to delight all who appreciate the unique and valuable in horticulture. Planted in a good, rich soil, near a building or trellis, it will grow 10 to 15 feet in a season, and the strong vigorous branches may be fastened up to a trellis or building as one would secure a grape vine. Its fruit ripens very early (one of the very first of all Raspberries), and is produced in very large clusters, is of good size and fine quality and deep golden yellow in color. Foliage, large, vigorous and healthy, and is a berry of the most thorough ironclad hardiness. It being such a rank grower and producing such an enormous amount of wood, makes it immensely productive. It will probably yield twice as much fruit as any other sort.

Price of all Raspberries 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; $1.00 per doz.; $3.00 per 100. One each of the 7 sorts for 65c.; 3 each for $1.60.

Great Japanese Wineberry.

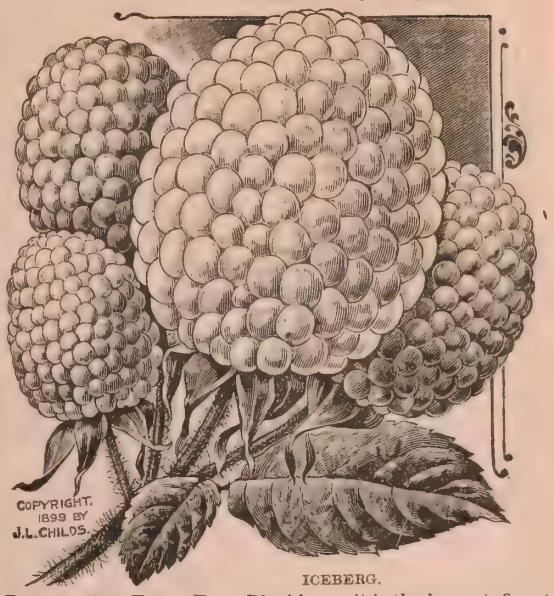
The fruit is borne in large clusters, often 75 to 100 berries in a bunch. These berries are from the time of formation and bloom until they ripen, enclosed in a "burr," which is formed by the calyx covering them entirely. When ripe the "burr" opens, exhibiting a large berry of the brightest light glossy scarlet or wine color. The flavor is different from any other berry, being very sprightly; sweet and juicy. As a table fruit there is nothing finer. Its delicious, sprightly flavor being most toothsome and refreshing. While for canning and preserving, the Wineberry is greatly superior to any other fruit. This berry has absolutely no insect enemies. 15c. each; 3 for 30c.; 15 for $1.00; 100 for $4.00.

New Blackberries.

Rathbun—Surpassing any other variety. Two common quart boxes, one of the Rathbun and one of the Snyder variety, were picked and counted. The basket of Rathbun was filled by 45 berries, while it required 164 berries of the Snyder to fill the quart. One of the Rathbun berries was, at the same time, measured and found to be 1¾ inches long and 1⅝ inches in diameter. A large proportion of the berries will measure from 1¼ to 1½ inches in length, and the whole crop is very uniform. The fruit of the Rathbun, unlike most Blackberries, has no hard core, in fact, no core is perceived in eating it. All is soft, sweet and luscious, with a high flavor. It is superior to all the well known varieties in cultivation in this quality. On this point it may be said that there is nothing more to be desired, and it is not probable that there will ever be a variety to surpass it in this particular. The Rathbun was severely tested for hardiness during the winter of 1895-96, when for several days the temperature was 20 degrees below zero, but did not kill the vines. The plant is a strong, erect grower, and, unlike most varieties, it produces but few suckers. It sends up a strong main stem which branches freely. These branches curve over and bend downward till the tips touch the ground. Then late in the season they send out roots from the tips of the branches and thus propagate themselves in the manner of a Black Cap Raspberry.

EVERBEARING TREE BLACKBERRY.

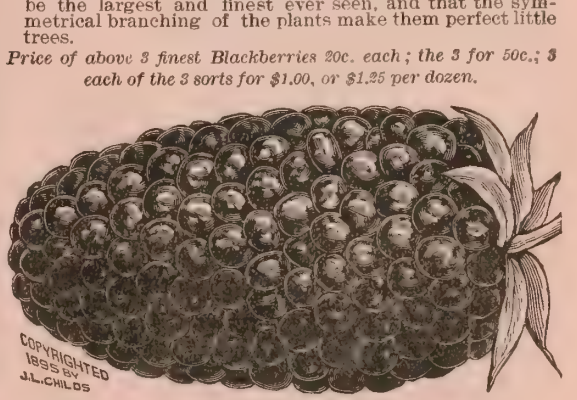
Iceberg—It bears loads of delicious, snowy berries, which are not only white, but so transparent that the seeds, which are unusually small, may beseen in the ripe berries. "Clusters larger than those of Lawton; berries at least as large, earlier, sweeter, and more tender and melting throughout, though as firm as Lawton is, when ripe." No garden should be without this grand White Blackberry.



ICEBERG.

Everbearing Tree—For a Blackberry it is the largest, finest flavored, most prolific, fruiting for two months and requires no stakes. It grows from five to seven feet high, branching freely into a fine tree form, as seen in the cut, straight and erect. The berries are of enormous size, equalled only by the Erie, borne in large clusters, which commence to ripen early in July and continue into September, making its fruiting period nearly two months or more. The finest Blackberries we ever ate we picked about September first from some of these plants which had been ripening fruit since July 8th. They are exceedingly sweet, juicy and delicious, melting in the mouth without a particle of hard core. Its delicate flavor, great productiveness, enormous size, long season of bearing and perfect hardiness in the coldest parts of the country, make it the most valuable of all berries for family use. Some of our customers who bought it last year report that the plants fruited last summer, and berries proved to be the largest and finest ever seen, and that the symmetrical branching of the plants make them perfect little trees.

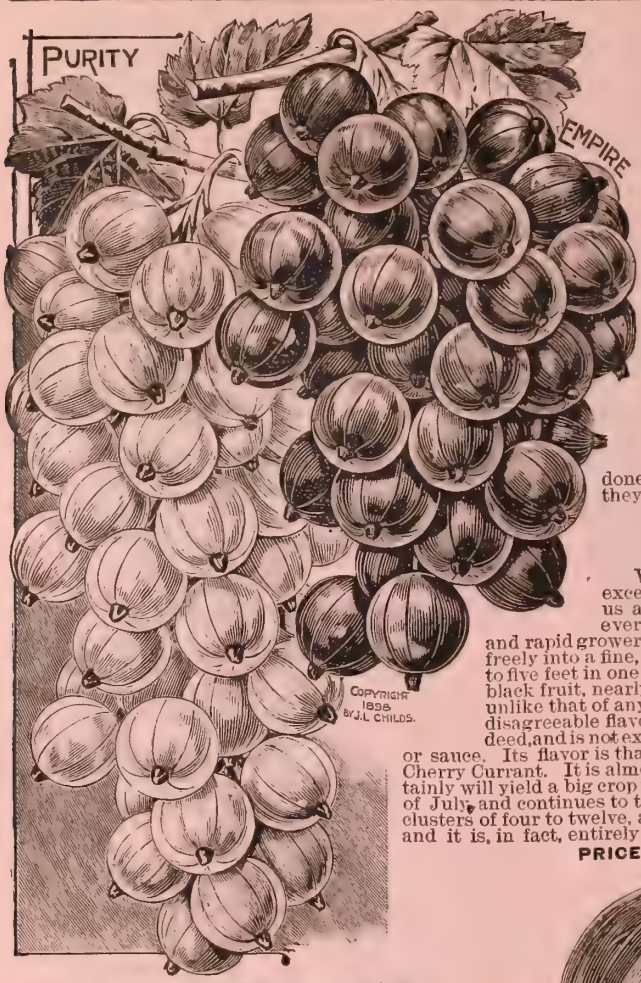
Price of above 3 finest Blackberries 20c. each; the 3 for 50c.; 3 each of the 3 sorts for $1.00, or $1.25 per dozen.



HYBRID BERRY.

Hybrid Berry, Phenomenal.

A new hybrid between the Raspberry and Blackberry, produced by Luther Burbank, the well-known horticultural expert who says of it: "This is larger than the largest berry ever before known. It has a bright crimson Raspberry color, is as productive as could be desired, and the most delicious of all berries for canning and drying. The berries grow in clusters of 5 or 10 or more, and the individual berries measure 3 inches around one way, by 4 inches the other way, and weigh one-quarter ounce each; even larger ones were weighed and measured last season, and when exhibited provoked the question. "Will they be sold by the dozen?" We have found this berry to be all that is claimed for it—phenomenal in every particular. It tastes and looks like both the Raspberry and Blackberry. We are offering this splendid berry this season at a very low rate. It is one of the most remarkable of all new fruits seen during this generation. A berry of sterling worth in every particular. Strong plants, 20c. each; 3 for 50c.; 7 for $1.00; 25 for $3.00.



New Giant Currants.

These two Currants are novelties of great importance. When you consider the enormous size and beauty of the fruit, great productiveness, hardiness and vigor of the bushes (out-yielding other varieties almost two to one), we may be pardoned if we feel a little pride in being the introducers of them. Empire is deep ruby-red; Purity, pure white—the two contrasting magnificently when seen together. In size the fruit is often 2¼ inches in circumference, and borne in clusters four inches long, while bushes two years from the cuttings yield six to ten quarts each. The fruit being so very large and excellent, sells readily at almost double the price realized for other sorts. It seems hardly necessary to say anything more about them. Their great value will be apparent. Another valuable point about these new Currants is their lateness in ripening. They ripen somewhat later than other varieties, therefore escaping the great glut and low prices which Currants bring in the height of the fruiting season. Empire and Purity, coming in later and being so much finer in size and appearance, virtually have the field.

Empire—New giant red.

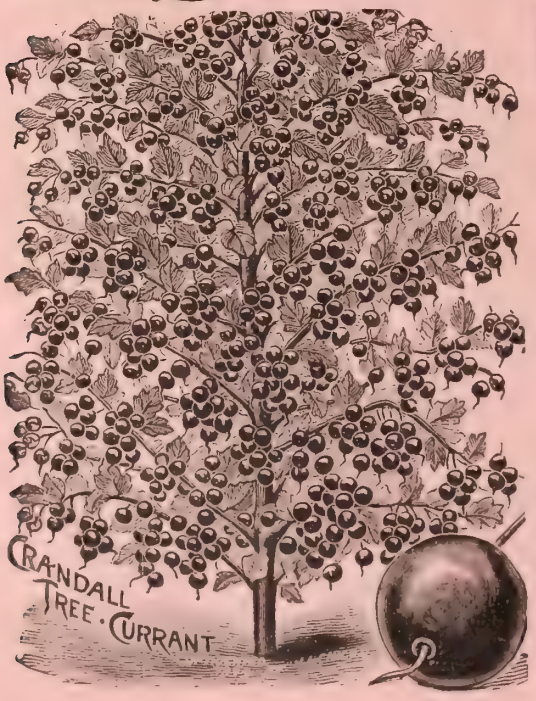
Purity—New giant white. The berries are very large, borne in enormous clusters of twenty to thirty, yet leaving room near the wood to make picking easily done without bruising or crushing the berries. In color they are the most beautiful crystal white.

20c. each; 3 of each for $1.00, or $1.60 per dozen.

Crandall Tree Currant.

We were the first to call general attention to this most excellent fruit, and for the last six years it has had with us a tremendous sale, and as far as we have heard has in every instance proved greatly satisfactory. It is a strong and rapid grower, attaining a height of four to five feet and branching freely into a fine, symmetrical tree form; single shoots often grow four to five feet in one season. It bears every year a tremendous crop of large, black fruit, nearly the size of a grape, the quality of which is entirely unlike that of any other black Currant, as it has none of the odor or disagreeable flavor common to black sorts. Its quality is very fine indeed, and is not excelled for cooking in any form, either for pies, jelly, jam or sauce. Its flavor is that of the Sweet Currant, combined with the acid of the Cherry Currant. It is almost sure to commence bearing the first year, and certainly will yield a big crop the second year. The fruit begins to ripen the middle of July, and continues to the middle of August, the large berries being borne in clusters of four to twelve, and cling to the tree a long time after they are ripe, and it is, in fact, entirely exempt from all insect ravages.

PRICE—*20c. each; 3 for 50c.; $1.50 per dozen.*



Gooseberries.

This is a berry which in England holds first place, and is more extensively grown than any other small fruit, excepting only the Strawberry. It is not grown in this country to the extent it ought to be, mainly owing, we judge, to the poor quality of the varieties in general cultivation.

Josslyn—A pure American variety, first tested some 10 years ago, and now established as the most healthy and vigorous Gooseberry in cultivation. It is a most prolific bearer and the berries are very large and handsome, being when ripe a deep red color. It absolutely will not mildew.

Industry—A Gooseberry of strong, vigorous growth, freedom from mildew or other diseases, and large, handsome fruit of delicious quality. The berries are dark cherry in color and when ripe are rich and sugary.

25c. each; 3 of each for $1.00; or $3.00 per dozen.

Fig, Brown Turkey.

A most popular and easily kept tub plant that will beautify the lawn or veranda all summer and winter safely in the cellar, although with slight protection it is hardy in the latitude of New York. Good growers, with a luxuriant growth of large, wide leaves, and bearing at a year old an abundance of sweet, pulpy fruit, unsurpassed for eating fresh. They are also very fine for preserving or pickling, or to dry. South of the Middle States can be grown in the open ground. Here on Long Island they are hardy outdoors if protected during winter. Nothing more luscious than Figs fresh from the tree, especially when eaten with cream like Strawberries. Brown Turkey is large, oblong, dark brown; rich and delicious flavor; very productive, often bearing three crops in a season. A two-year-old tree of this sort bore over two hundred fine figs. The hardiest and best Fig for garden or pots. 35c. each; 3 for $1.00.

Eleagnus Longipes.

This is a new fruit from Japan, and was, we think, first seen in fruit at the summer residence of Mr. Chas. A. Dana, late editor of the New York *Sun*. For two or three years many people have been to see it and to taste it, and it seems that no one ever tires of praising it. It has fruited elegantly in our own grounds now for four summers, and as a rare or fancy fruit it is one which is sure to delight its possessor. It is a shrub, fruiting when only three or four feet high, and probably never exceeds five or six feet when fully grown. The fruit is borne in quantity the whole length of the branches, is oblong or olive shape, and about the color of a dark red cherry. It has a small pit and an excellent flavor, being rich, juicy, sprightly, and more luscious than the cherry. It ripens in July and August, and the fruit remains in good condition a long time before dropping. The bush is perfectly hardy and robust. Price 20c. each; 6 for $1.00.

Five Unique Fruits.

Price 15c. each; the 5 for 50c.; or more at 10c. each; $1.00. per doz.

BALLOON BERRY—Plant grows 10 to 15 feet high, and, like the Wineberry, the canes are covered with silky red hairs. Fruit ripens all summer, and is very large, shaped somewhat like a strawberry, or more like a balloon, from which its name is derived. Color of fruit, clear yellow, tinged red; large and handsome. Fruits up to Nov.

TREE STRAWBERRY The largest and most beautiful berry of any kind. It comes to us from Japan and is of the Raspberry family, though in many respects it resembles a Strawberry, growing on a bush two feet high. The plant is entirely hardy in any location, and a most profuse yielder, ripening an enormous crop of fruit. The canes or shoots die to the earth in winter, new ones being thrown up the following spring, which begin blooming and setting fruit at once. The berries are slightly oblong in form, monstrous in size, a rich glossy, ruby-red color, sweet and melting.

DWARF JUNEBERRY—The berries are the size of ordinary cherries, being green in an unripe state, changing to bright scarlet, and when fully ripe to a dark purple-blue; and as the three colors hang in clusters upon a bush they present a most charming and appetizing sight. It is exceedingly sweet and has a peculiarly rich and luscious flavor; a most charming fruit to eat from the hand. It is also one of the most showy flowering shrubs.

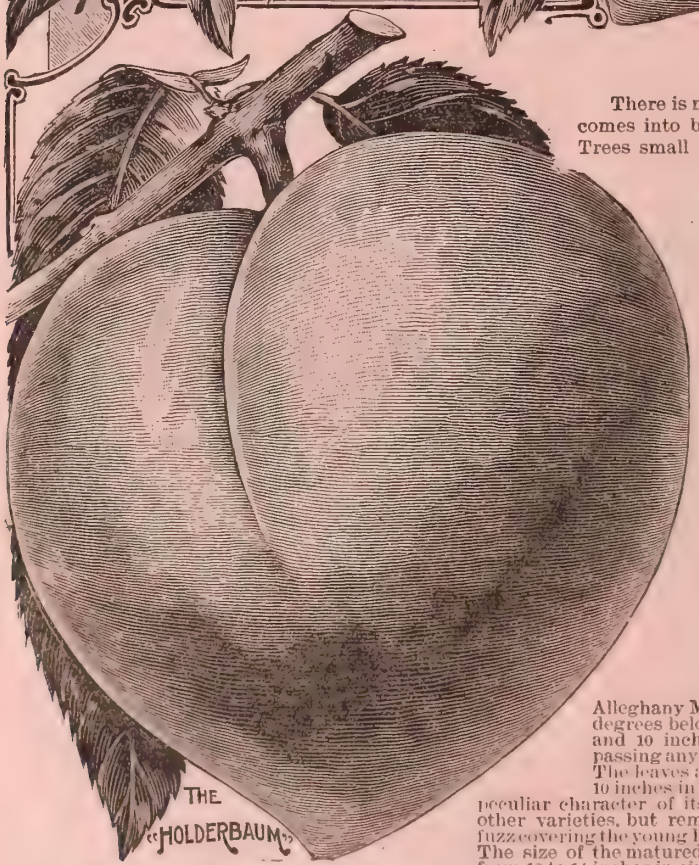
LUCRETIA DEWBERRY—It is a climbing Blackberry, the vine growing very large and may be allowed to trail over the ground, or may be trained up to trellises, like Grapes. It is a sure annual bearer, the berries being larger, sweeter and superior in every way to Blackberries. The fruit is borne in great quantities, and is of a soft pulpy nature, sugary and delicate.

COLDEN JAPANESE MAYBERRY—This most remarkable fruit grows in sturdy tree form six to eight feet high and ripens its fruit before Strawberries, a month before the earliest Raspberrie. The bushes are distinct froms other berries, with spreading, tree-like tops, large, bell-shaped, pendulous blossoms. These are followed by sweet golden yellow berries.

Peaches.

There is no tree which makes a more rapid growth and comes into bearing sooner after planting than the Peach. Trees small enough to go by mail will bear in three years, and their cost is so little that every home in our land should be abundantly supplied with this most valuable fruit.

Everbearing—This is one of the most remarkable of Peaches, as it combines many desirable qualities which make it of great value for family use. 1—Its long-continued bearing period. The first ripening begins about July, and successive crops are produced until the beginning of November. Fruit in all stages of development—ripe and half-grown may be seen upon the tree at the same time. Two-year-old trees bear freely. 2—As the tree blossoms during a long period a complete failure of fruit has never happened since the original tree first began to bear, ten years ago. 3—The fruit is creamy white, mottled and striped with light purple and with pink veins; oblong in shape, and tapering to the apex; flesh white with red veins near the skin; very juicy, vinous and of excellent flavor; quality very best. Freestone of the Indian type. No praise can do justice to this magnificent novelty. It is really one of the finest things we ever offered. Good size, prolific, best quality and bears continually for three months. What more can be desired? Fine trees for fruiting next year, by mail, 30c. each; 3 for 75c.; 7 for $1.50.



Holderbaum—This Champion of all Peaches originated in 1880 in Somerset, Pennsylvania, one of the highest and coldest points on the Alleghany Mountains, where the mercury often drops to 28 degrees below zero. The original tree is now 25 feet high and 10 inches in diameter at the base, with foliage surpassing anything ever before seen in the nature of a Peach. The leaves are of a dark, heavy green, measuring from 8 to 10 inches in length. It has one valuable advantage in the peculiar character of its blossoms, which never open out like those of other varieties, but remain closed, with a heavy growth of moss-like fuzz covering the young Peach and protecting it from heavy spring frosts. The size of the matured fruit is immense, many specimens measuring from 12 to 14 inches in circumference. In color it is of a light cream-yellow, with a beautiful red cheek on the sunny side. In texture it is very firm, of fine quality, and a perfect freestone. The pit is very small and the flesh light yellow, streaked with red from the surface to the center, and of most exquisite flavor. It ripens about August 15, thus making it one of the earliest of all freestone varieties. For hardiness, vigorous growth and long life, it is certainly a wonderful Peach. 25c. each; 5 for $1.00.

Dwarf Japanese—This is the earliest of all Peaches, maturing in about eight weeks from time of blooming. It is a dwarf-growing, very stocky variety from Japan, bearing when three or four feet high; a little tree, one year planted matured twenty-four fine specimens. The blooming season is late, making it free from damage by frosts. Fruit large, beautiful crimson and yellow, heavily overlaid with red. The flesh is rich, juicy and of most excellent quality and of blood-red color. It is the most fragrant of all Peaches, a single specimen being enough to perfume a whole room. It requires so little room that it may be grown on the lawn or in any nook and corner which would not accommodate a larger variety. It is a perfect gem of a fruit. 20c. each; $1.50 per dozen.

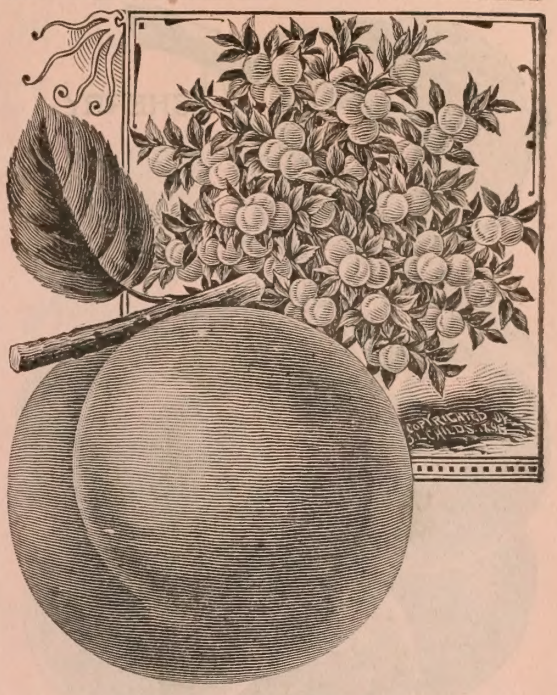
Champion—Fruit very large, often 10 inches in circumference. Flavor most delicious, juicy, sweet and rich, surpassing most other varieties. Color, a beautiful creamy white, with a bright red cheek, most strikingly handsome in appearance. Its season of ripening is medium early. It is the largest, finest and most satisfactory standard sort grown. We have an orchard of 300 fruiting trees of this variety. It has proved to be the most valuable market sort. 20c. each; $1.50 per dozen.

La France—Early, large, beautiful. Skin dark carmine red, flesh white, fine, melting, juicy, of exquisite perfume. Tree vigorous and prolific, of dwarf growth, fruiting freely when two years old. So dwarf that it can even be grown and fruited in a pot or tub, like the Bismarck Apple. A grand variety. 20c. each.

One each of these 5 grand Peaches for $1.00; 3 each for $2.75.

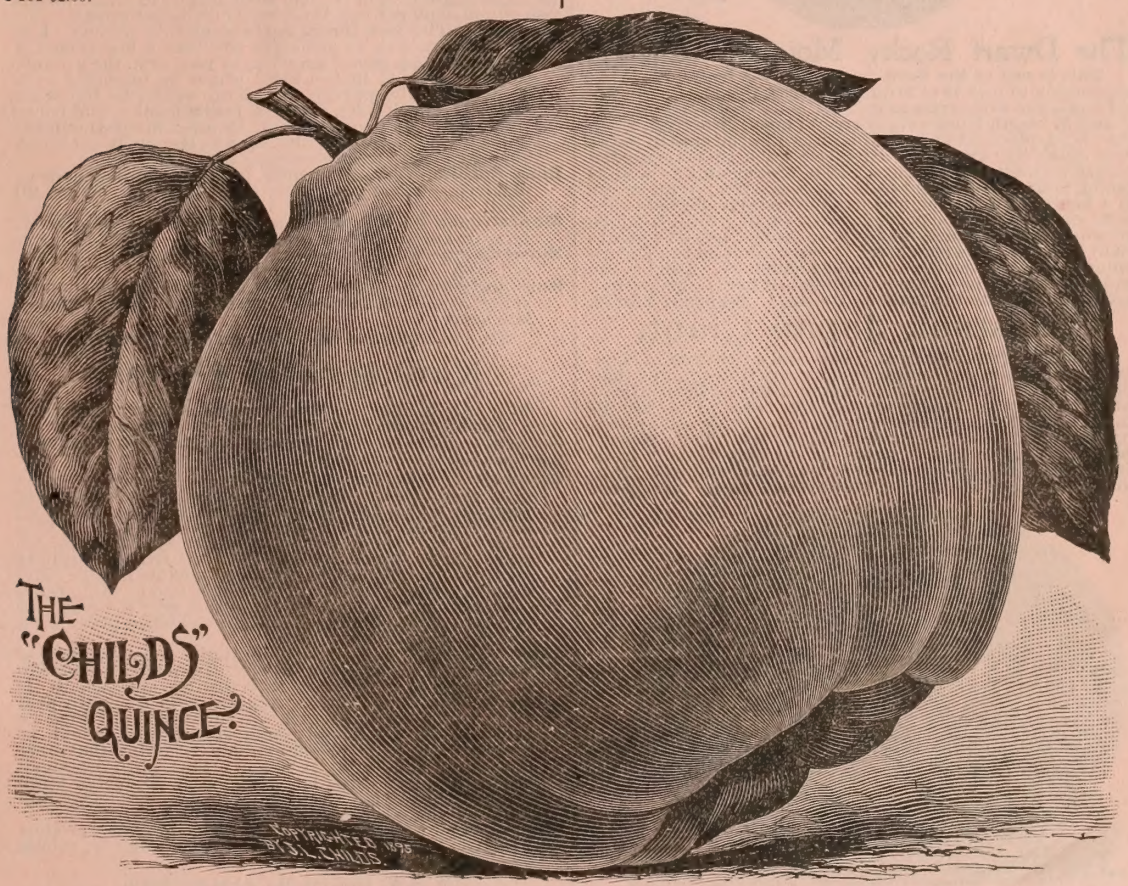
The Childs' Quince.

This is a most remarkable new sort, as it is such an improvement over all varieties of Quince. The fruit grows to an enormous size, larger than the largest apples. In shape it is nearly round resembling an apple very much, with smooth skin. It is of very mild, pleasant flavor, so much so that when ripe it is delicious to eat raw from the hand, as one would eat a good apple. For cooking it is superb. Its flesh is so tender that it will bake or stew as readily as an apple, and in less time. The tree is a large, rank, luxurious grower, with heavy foliage, and bears enormously, beginning when they stand in the nursery rows and only a few feet in height. Originated by Luther Burbank. 50c. each; 5 for $2.00.



JAPANESE DWARF OR BLOOD PEACH.

Earliest variety in cultivation.



The Dwarf Rocky Mountain Cherry.

This is one of the most productive of fruits. It is not uncommon to pick 15 to 20 quarts of fruit from a three-year-old bush, and 80 cherries have been counted on a branch 12 inches in length from a two-year-old bush. The fruit, when ripe, is jet-black and of a size as shown in the cut. In flavor it is much like the sweet cherries; when ripe is conceded superior to any other variety. It is ornamental as well as useful, both in flower and fruit. It bears every year, grows to a height of four feet, and has never been affected by insects or disease. On account of its small growth it can be grown in a little space, where there would not be room to plant a larger growing cherry or other tree, and is a superb thing to plant on the lawn or among shubbery. As it blooms and bears fruit when only a foot high, it may be grown in a pot, if desired, like the Otaheite Orange. 25c. each; 5 for $1.

Chestnut, Japan Giant.

Introduced recently from Japan, and a Chestnut of enormous size, the nuts averaging four to six times larger than our American variety, and it is not unusual for burrs to contain four to seven of these large perfect nuts. They are almost sure to commence bearing the second year after planting, no matter how small the tree may be. They mature their fruit early and it drops at the first-touch of frost. Enormously prolific, tree highly ornamental and will prove an attractive and novel thing on anyone's place. 30c. each.

New Apples.

It was our good fortune a few years ago to come into control of several new Apples of superior quality. They are so valuable that they will become leading favorites, and we advise our customers to plant a few, if only to get grafts.

Bismarck—This new Dwarf Apple is indeed a wonder. Little trees a foot or so in height will bear a few apples of enormous size, either growing in pots or in the ground. A little tree 12 inches high, which we imported from France last winter, bore a fine large apple the following summer. Fruit very large, of brilliant color, and borne freely on trees two years old. A most unique pot plant and a fine little tree for the garden, the great apples on such very small trees attracting great attention.

Elisa Rathke—Very ornamental, branches hanging perpendicularly. Fruit good size, yellow, vinous. Keeps till April.

Montstrosus de Nikota—Gigantic size and good quality. Largest known apple in cultivation.

Nidwetzkina—Wood, branches, blossoms and fruit of a dark red color. Curious and beautiful.

Rambourg de Winnitza—Very large, weighing two pounds; yellow, sometimes striped crimson; firm, juicy, vinous; late keeper.

30c. each; $2.50 per doz. One each of the 5 for $1.00.

New Hybrid Plums.

These are crosses with Japan varieties, and possess the most distinct characteristics, are the most beautiful, most luscious, best bearers and keepers, hardiest and best adapted to all soils and climates.

Delaware or Dwarf Weeping Plum—A superb and highly ornamental tree of short, symmetrical growth and long branches which droop to the ground. Owing to its dwarf habit it can be grown in space that would not admit of a larger kind. The best Plum in existence, with a most exquisite flavor, like that of the Delaware Grape. Fruit of good size, purple flesh and skin, with white bloom. It is exceedingly productive. Tree hardy and healthy, bearing when but two feet high. A perfect gem of a fruit and ornamental tree combined, and should be on every lawn and in every garden.

Juicy—Skin thin and transparent, light yellow, underlaid with scarlet—as beautiful as wax. In quality it seems to us that there is no other fruit that can approach it. It has a delicious sweetness, mingled with a slightly acid and a high, melting Plum flavor, surpassing anything we ever saw. Tree is a hardy, luxuriant grower, though of dwarfish habit. It blooms so late in spring that frost never injures the crop. It begins to bear when very small—trees scarcely three feet high often producing large crops. When of fair size it is an enormous yielder, and the fruit ripens early.

Shipper—Tree a large, rank grower, and enormously prolific. Fruit of large size, rich, juicy and sweet. Hardy, robust and heavy annual cropper.

25c. each; the 3 for 60c. $2.00 per dozen.

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